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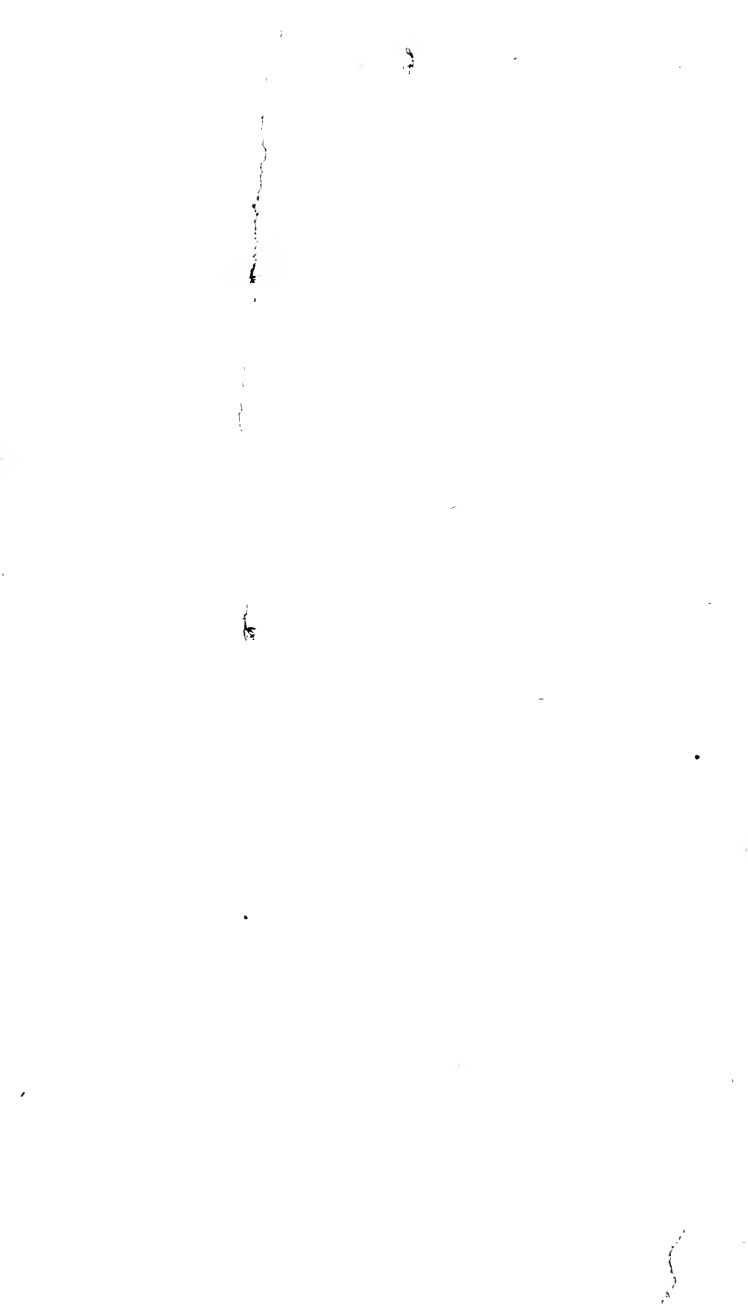
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7. But when he was not before the world his walk was slantindicular.

8. And he loved the people.

9. And Phernandiwud said within himself, Of a truth I love the people; but am I not one of the people; yea, verily, am I not number one of the people? and shall I not therefore first love myself?

10. So Phernandiwud first loved himself, and the rest of the people after himself.

11. Now in the days when Phraucilm ruled the land (he that was captain of a thousand in the armies of Uneulpsalm when they went down into Mecsichoh), Phernandiwud sought unto himself a partner, even a partner with shekels; and he found a man whose name was Marahvine.

12. And Phernandiwud said unto Marahvine: Lo there is gold in the land of Kalaphorni;

13. And the gold of that land is good.

14. Now behold thou art rich, and thy servant is poor; but thy servant is cunning in merchandise, diligent and crafty in business. Let therefore my lord furnish me of his gold and his silver, and I will buy merchandise and ships, and trade with the men of Kalaphorni and get great gain, a hundred, yea even two hundred fold, and we shall divide the spoil.

15. So they traded with the men of Kalaphorni, and got great gain, a hundred and two hundred fold. But Phernandiwud divided not the spoil; for he was not before the world.

16. So his walk was slantindieular.

17. And he communed within himself, and said: Is it not written in the Scripture (for he was a just man and a righteous, and searched the Scripture daily,

18. Saying, peradventure I shall find therein something to my advantage),

19. That a certain steward made unto himself friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, by saying to one man,

who owed his lord an hundred measures of oil, Take thy bill and sit down quickly and write fifty ; and to another who owed an hundred measures of wheat, Take thy bill and sit down quickly and write fourscore ?

20. And did not the lord of that steward commend him because he had done wisely ; because the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light ?

21. And am not I, even I, Phernandiwud, a child of this world, and wise in my generation ? Yea, verily. And I will take *my* bill and sit down quickly ; and where Marahvine oweth me fourscore shekels, I will write an hundred ; and where I owe him an hundred, I will write fifty.

22. And is it not written that we shall be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves ? Therefore will I be as wise as a serpent unto Marahvine, and as harmless as a dove unto myself.

23. Then Phernandiwud took his bill and sat down quickly, and where Marahvine owed him fourscore shekels he wrote an hundred, and where he owed Marahvine an hundred he wrote fifty.

24. So his walk was slantindicular

25. But it came to pass after many days that Marahvine discovered how Phernandiwud had searched the Scripture to his advantage. And he brought him before the judge, and would have convicted him at the mouth of two witnesses ; and, moreover, the writings were against him.

26. But there was a statute in Gotham that no man should be held guilty before the law save for that which he had done within six years, but that after six years he should go free.

27. So Phernandiwud said unto the judge : Lo, what Marahvine saith that thy servant hath done was done, by his own showing, six years and three hours ago. Therefore thy servant is guiltless. I pray thee, therefore, declare thy servant guiltless, and let him go.

28. And he did so. And Phernandiward went out from before him justified in his wisdom and his innocence.

CHAPTER II.

1 The Pahdees. 2 They govern Gotham. 5 Phernanditwad maketh friends of the Pahdees. 8 Who make him Chief Ruler of the City. 10 And together they devour the substance of the Men of Gotham. 14 The Watchmen of Gotham removed from the rule of Phernandiward. 17 Who gathereth together the Hittites and the Hammerites. 18 And conceiveth with the Mystery of the New Gospel of Peace.

1. Now, it came to pass that in the city of Gotham were many Pahdees, like unto locusts for multitude. And they were not of the land of Unculpsalm, but came from an island beyond the great sea; a land of famine and oppression. And they knew nothing. They read not, neither did they write, and like the multitudes of Nineveh, many of them did not know their right hand from their left.

2. Therefore the men of Unculpsalm, who dwelt in Gotham, troubled themselves little to govern the city, and paid the Pahdees richly to govern it for them.

3. For the men of Gotham were great merchants and artificers, trading to the ends of the earth; diligent and cunning in their business, wise and orderly in their households; and they got great gain, and the fame of their wisdom and their diligence was spread abroad. Wherefore they said, why shall we leave our crafts and our merchandise, and our ships, and our feasts, and the gathering together of our wives and our daughters, and our men-singers and our women-singers, to give our time to ruling the city? Behold, here are the Pahdees who know nothing, who read not, neither do they write, and who know not their right hand from their left, and who have never

governed even themselves, and who will be glad to govern the city in our stead.

4. Wherefore the men of Unculpsalm who dwelt in Gotham, went the one to his craft, the other to his ships, and the other to his merchandise; and the Pahdees governed Gotham.

5. Now Phernandiwud saw that the men whom the Pahdees appointed to be officers in Gotham fed at the public crib, and waxed fat, and increased in substance. Moreover, so great and mighty was the city of Gotham that they who ruled it were powerful in the land of Unculpsalm; stretching out their hands from the North even unto the South, and from the East even unto the West; but most of all were they powerful with the men of the South.

6. And Phernandiwud said within himself, Shall I not feed at the public crib, and wax fat, and increase in substance, and become a man of power in the land of Unculpsalm?

7. So he made friends unto himself among the Pahdees, and of certain men of Unculpsalm who had joined themselves unto the Pahdees, and who called themselves Dimmichrats.

8. And he became a great man among them. And they made him chief ruler of the city. And it was of the Pahdees that he was first called Phernandiwud.

9. Now, when Phernandiwud was chief ruler of Gotham, the Pahdees, and the men of Unculpsalm which were also Dimmichrats, did what was right in their own eyes; and they worked confusion in the city, and devoured the substance of the men of Gotham. And the watchmen of the city were as clay in the hands of Phernandiwud.

10. For he said, I will have a one man power; and the one man shall be me, even me Phernandiwud; and the Pahdees, and the Dimmichrats, and the watchmen of Gotham, shall do my will; and after they have done my

will they may do what is right in their own eyes, and work confusion, and devour the people's substance.

11. And the men of Gotham were amazed and confounded; and they said one to another,

12. Behold, we are held as naught by Phernandiwud and them that are under him, and he will destroy us and our city.

13. But they could not cast him out, because of the Pahdees, and the men of Unculpsalm who also were Dimmichrats.

14. Wherefore they said, we will pray the governor and rulers of the province to take the watchmen of the city from under his hand, and put in other watchmen who shall guard the city, and the country round about the same; and he shall no longer work confusion, and devour our substance, and destroy our city.

15. Wherefore the watchmen were taken from under his rule, and there were appointed other watchmen, whose captains were not Pahdees and followers of Phernandiwud.

16. But Phernandiwud, because he loved the people, and himself first, as number one of the people, withstood the watchmen which the governor and the rulers of the province had appointed. And he gathered together his watchmen and much people of the Pahdees, and of the men of Unculpsalm which also were Dimmichrats,

17. Hittites, so called, because they hit from the shoulder, and Hammerites, because they brake the heads of all them that set themselves up against them.

18. And the watchmen of Phernandiwud, and the Pahdees, and the Hittites and the Hammerites, fought with the watchmen appointed by the governor and chief rulers of the province, doing in this the will of Phernandiwud. And they fought many times, and they brake each the heads of the other: yet was neither vanquished.

19. And when the judges of the province saw this, they declared unto the governor, that by the great law of the

province, he could march an army upon Phernandiwud, and his watchmen, and his Pahdees, and his Hittites, and his Hammerites, and put them to the sword.

20. And when Phernandiwud read this declaration of the judges, he saw that there was an end of his rule over the watchmen, of his one man power in Gotham, and he said unto the watchmen, and to the Pahdees, and the Hittites, and the Hammerites, Get you to your houses, I have nothing more to give unto you.

21. But he charged the cost thereof unto the city.

22. And this was the first time that Phernandiwud conceived in his mind the mystery of the new gospel of peace

CHAPTER III.

1 *The War in the land of Unculpsalm.* 3 *The Great Covenant.* 5 *The greatness of the land of Unculpsalm.* 7 *Provoketh the hatred of Kings and Oppressors.* 8 *The Niggahs.* 11 *And the Covenant concerning them.* 14 *The Niggahs.* 16 *There arise men of Belial.* 19 *The Tshivulree.* 22 *And what the Tshivulree did to the men of Belial.* 24 *The Dimmichrats join themselves unto the Tshivulree.* 26 *The Everlasting Niggah.* 27 *Philip of Athens, a Priest of Beelzebub.* 29 *Isaiah thrusteth him out of the Tabernacle.* 31 *But the Men of Belial prevail.* 35 *And the spirit Bak Bahn possesseth their Disciples.* 39 *The Phiretahs and Prestenbruur.*

1. Now the war in the land of Unculpsalm was in this wise.

2. The people were of one blood, but the land was in many provinces. And the people of the provinces joined themselves together and cast off the yoke of a stubborn king who oppressed them beyond the great sea. And they said let us have no king, but let us choose from ourselves a man to rule over us; and let us no longer be many provinces, but one nation; only in those things which con-

cern not the nation let the people in each province do what is right in their own eyes.

3. And let it be written upon parchment and be for a covenant between us and our children, and our children's children forever—like unto a law of the Medes and Persians which altereth not.

4. And they did so. And the Great Covenant became the beginning and the end of all things unto the men of Unculpsalm.

5. And the men of Unculpsalm waxed great and mighty and rich; and the earth was filled with the fame of their power and their riches; and their ships covered the sea. And all nations feared them. But they were men of peace, and went not to war of their own accord; neither did they trouble or oppress the men of other nations; but sought each man to sit under his own vine and his own fig tree. And there were no poor men and few that did evil born in that land: except thou go southward of the border of Masunandiesun.

6. And this was noised abroad; and it came to pass that the poor and the down-trodden, and the oppressed of other lands left the lands in which they were born, and went and dwelt in the land of Unculpsalm, and prospered therein, and no man molested them. And they loved that land.

7. Wherefore, the kings and the oppressors of other lands, and they that devoured the substance of the people, hated the men of Unculpsalm. Yet, although they were men of peace, they made not war upon them; for they were many and mighty. Moreover they were rich and bought merchandise of other nations, and sent them corn and gold.

8. Now there were in the land of Unculpsalm Ethiopians, which the men of Unculpsalm called Niggabs. And their skins were black, and for hair they had wool, and their shins bent out forward and their heels thrust out backward; and their ill savor went up

9. Wherefore the forefathers of the men of Unculpsalm had made slaves of the Niggahs, and bought them and sold them like cattle.

10. But so it was that when the people of the land of Unculpsalm made themselves into one nation, the men of the North said, We will no longer buy and sell the Niggahs, but will set them free ; neither shall more be brought from Ethiopia for slaves unto this land.

11. And the men of the South answered and said, We will buy and sell our Niggahs ; and moreover we will beat them with stripes, and they shall be our hewers of wood and drawers of water forever ; and when our Niggahs flee into your provinces ye shall give them to us, every man his Niggah ; and after a time there shall no more be brought from Ethiopia, as ye say. And this shall be a part of the great covenant.

12. And it was a covenant between the men of the North and the men of the South.

13. And it came to pass that thereafter the men of the South and the Dimmichrats of the North, and the Pahdees gave themselves night and day to the preservation of this covenant about the Niggahs.

14. And the Niggahs increased and multiplied till they darkened all the land of the South. And the men of Unculpsalm who dwelt in the South took their women for concubines and went in unto them, and begat of them sons and daughters. And they bought and sold their sons and daughters, even the fruit of their loins ; and beat them with stripes, and made them hewers of wood and drawers of water.

15. For they said, Are not these Niggahs our Niggahs ? Yea, even more than the other Niggahs ? For the other Niggahs we bought, or our fathers, with money ; but these, are they not flesh of our flesh, and blood of our blood, and bone of our bone ; and shall we not do what we will with our own ?

16. But there arose men in the northern provinces of the land of Unculpsalm and in the countries beyond the great sea, iniquitous men, saying, Man's blood cannot be bought with money; foolish men saying, Though the Niggah's skin be black and his hair woolly, and his shins like unto cucumbers, and his heels thrusting out backward, and though he have an ill savor not to be endured by those who get not children of Niggah women, is yet a man; men of Belial which said, All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

17. And the slaves were for a reproach throughout all the world unto the men of the South, and even to the whole land of Unculpsalm. But by reason of the great covenant and the laws of the provinces, the men of the North had naught to do in this matter.

18. But the men of the South which had Niggahs (for there were multitudes which had no Niggahs, and they were poor and oppressed) heeded it not; for they were a stiff-necked generation. And they said, we will not let our Niggahs go free; for they are our chattels, even as our horses and our sheep, our swine and our oxen; and we will beat them, and slay them, and sell them, and beget children of them, and no man shall gainsay us. We stand by the Great Covenant.

19. Moreover we are Tshivulree.

20. Now to be of the Tshivulree was the chief boast among the men of the South, because it had been a great name upon the earth. For of olden time he who was of the Tshivulree was bound by an oath to defend the weak and succor the oppressed, yea, even though he gave his life for them. But among the men of the South he only was of the Tshivulree who ate his bread in the sweat of another's face, who robbed the laborer of his hire, who oppressed the weak, and set his foot upon the neck of the lowly, and who sold from the mother the fruit of her

womb and the nursling of her bosom. Wherefore the name of Tshivulree stank in the nostrils of all the nations.

21. For they were in the darkness of a false dispensation, and had not yet learned the mystery of the new gospel of peace.

22. And when the Tshivulree found within their borders those men of the North, iniquitous men which said that man's blood cannot be bought, and men of Belial which said, Do ye unto all men as ye would have all men do unto you, they seized upon them and beat them with many stripes, and hanged them upon trees, and roasted them with fire, and poured hot pitch upon them, and rode them upon sharp beams, very grievous to bestride, and persecuted them even as it was fitting such pestilent fellows should be persecuted.

23. And they said unto the men of the North, cease ye now to send among us these men of Belial preaching iniquity, cease also to listen unto them yourselves, and respect the Great Covenant, or we will destroy this nation.

24. Then the men of Unculpsalm which called themselves Dimmichrats, and the Pahdees, seeing that the Tshivulree of the South had only one thought, and that was for the Niggah, said, We will join ourselves unto the Tshivulree, and we will have but one thought with them, even the Niggah; and we shall rule the land of Unculpsalm, and we shall divide the spoil.

25. And they joined themselves unto the Tshivulree; and the Tshivulree of the South, and the men of the North, which called themselves Dimmichrats, and the Pahdees ruled the land of Unculpsalm for many years; and they divided the spoil. And they had but one thought, even for the Niggah.

26. Wherefore he was called the everlasting Niggah.

27. Now, about these days came Philip, from the new Athens, a priest of Beelzebub, and he taught in the Tabernacle at Gotham.

28. And Philip had many words, but only one thought ; and that, like the thought of the men of the South, was for the Niggah. But he respected not the Great Covenant. And he said unto the people ye ought to set the Niggah free.

29. And it came to pass that when he was teaching in the Tabernacle one Isaiah entered (not the prophet, but he who was captain of a band of the Hammerites) and protested unto him that he should no more teach such pestilent doctrine. And having his band of Hammerites with him, he knocked Philip down, and thrust him from the pulpit wherein he was speaking, and drave him out of the Tabernacle.

30. Now this was the first ministration of the new gospel of peace. But as yet it was not preached ; for it had no apostle.

31. But in process of time the ministers of Belial turned the hearts of many men, even of them which called themselves Dimmiehrats to iniquity ; and they all began to say that the strength of the great nation of Unculpsalm should not be used to oppress the Niggah ; declaring in the wickedness of their imaginations and the hardness of their hearts, that whatsoever the people of Unculpsalm would that others should do to them even so they should do to others, even unto Niggahs.

32. But they had respect unto the Great Covenant, and sought not to set the Niggahs free ; and they returned unto the men of the South the Niggahs that fled from their provinces, according to the Great Covenant.

33. Moreover the men of the North made soft answers unto the men of the South, and strove to turn away their wrath, and to live with them as brethren. For though they feared them not, neither hated them, they did fear that they would destroy the nation.

34. And the Tshivuhree of the South saw that the men of the North feared their threats ; and they waxed bolder

and said, We will not only keep our Niggahs in our own provinces, but we will take them into all the country of Unculpsalm, which is not yet divided into provinces. And they went roaring up and down the land.

35. But in process of time it came to pass that the spirit of their forefathers appeared among the men of the North, even the great spirit Bak Bohn; and he stiffened up the people mightily.

36. So that they said unto the men of the South, Hear us, our brethren! We would live with you in peace, and love you, and respect the Great Covenant. And the Niggahs in your provinces ye shall keep, and slay, and sell, they and the children which ye beget of them, into slavery, for bond men and bond women for ever. Yours be the sin before the Lord, not ours; for it is your doing, and we are not answerable for it. And your Niggahs that flee from your provinces they shall be returned unto you, according to the Great Covenant. Only take care lest peradventure ye make captives the Niggahs of our provinces which we have made free men. Ye shall in no wise take a Niggah of them.

37. Thus shall it be with your Niggahs and in your provinces, and yours shall be the blame forever. But out of your provinces, into the common land of Unculpsalm, ye shall not carry your Niggahs except they be made thereby free. For that land is common, and your laws and the statutes of your provinces, by which alone ye make bondmen, run not in that land. And for all that is done in that land we must bear the blame with you. For that land is common; and we share whatever is done therein; and the power of this nation and the might of its banner shall no longer be used to oppress the lowly and to fasten the chain upon the captive. Keep ye then your bondmen within your own provinces.

38. Then the Tshivulree of the South waxed wroth, and foamed in their anger, and the air of the land was filled

with their cursings and their revilings. And certain of them which were men of blood, and which were possessed of devils, and had difficulties, and slew each other with knives and shooting irons, did nothing all their time but rave through the land about the Niggah.

39. Now these men were the fore-runners of him that preached the new gospel of peace, and prepared the way before him. Wherefore they were called Phiretahs.

40. And it came to pass that one of the Phiretahs, whose name was Prestenbruux, was wroth with Charles, who was surnamed the Summoner, who was one of the chief law-givers of the land of Unculpsalm, and also one of the men of Belial, who taught iniquity, saying, Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them, even unto Niggahs.

For Charles the Summoner had declared that it was not lawful for the men of the South to take their Niggahs out of their own provinces. And thus it was that Prestenbruux was offended in him.

41. Wherefore Prestenbruux took unto himself other Phiretahs, and he sought Charles the Summoner, and found him alone at a table, writing in the great hall of Unculpsalm. And he came upon him unawares, and he smote him and beat him to the ground, so that he was nigh unto death.

42. And this was the second ministration of the new gospel of peace. But even now it was not preached, for it had yet no apostle.

43. And after these things, James, whose surname being interpreted meaneth Facing-both-ways, ruled in the land of Unculpsalm.

CHAPTER IV.

1 *The choice of Abraham the Honest.* 10 *The Phiretahs rebel against him.* 14 *Compromise.* 17 *The Phiretahs will have no more Compromise.* 18 *Ken Edee and Robert of Joarji.* 23 *Phernandicud compromiseth unto Robert.* 24 *The men of the North wax wroth.*

1. Now the time drew nigh when James should cease to rule in the land of Unculpsalm.

2. And the men of the North, save the Dimmichrats, among whom were the Pahdees, strove to have Abraham, who was surnamed the honest, made ruler in the place of James Facing-both-ways.

3. But the Phiretahs of the South said, Let us choose, and let the voices be numbered, and if our man be chosen, it is well, but if Abraham, we will destroy the nation.

4. But the men of the North believed them not, because of the Great Covenant, and because they trusted them to be of good faith in this matter. For among the men of the North, even those who lived by casting lots for gold, stood by the lot when it was cast. And the men of the North believed not that men of their own blood, whose sons were married unto their daughters, and whose daughters unto their sons, would faithlessly do this thing which they threatened.

5. But the men of the North knew not how the Niggah had driven out all other thoughts from the hearts of the men of the South, even so that they would violate the Great Covenant, and set at naught the election according thereunto if it went against them.

6. And there were throughout the provinces of the land of Unculpsalm at the North great multitudes, Dimmichrats, of whom were the Pahdees, who were friends of the Phiretahs of the South, and wished them well, and labored with them; for they said, It is by the alliance of the men

of the South, and by reason of the everlasting Niggah, that we rule the land.

7. But they deceived themselves; for it was the Phiretahs which ruled the land, using the Dimmiehrats, and by the one thought of the everlasting Niggah.

8. Yet it came to pass that when the voices of the people were numbered, according to the Great Covenant, Abraham was chosen.

9. Then the Phiretahs of the South began to do as they had threatened; and they gathered together in their provinces, and said, Our provinces shall no longer be a part of the land of Unculpsalm, for we will not have this man Abraham to rule over us.

10. Yet were there men of the South, a great multitude, among whom was Stephen, of Joarji, who said, Not so. Why will ye do this great evil and destroy the nation? It is right for us to respect the Great Covenant. If the man who had our voices had been chosen, the men of the North would have received him, and obeyed him as the chief ruler in the land of Unculpsalm; and it is meet and right that we should do likewise, even according to the Great Covenant. Moreover, we have suffered no wrong at the hands of the new rulers; and the old were men of our own choosing. Will ye make this land like unto Mecsicho?

11. But the Phiretahs would not hearken unto these men, and went on their way, and beat some of them, and hanged others, and threatened noisily, and gathering unto them all the people of the baser sort, and inflaming them with hate and strong drink, they set up a rule of terror throughout their provinces. For the Phiretahs were men of blood. So the Phiretahs prevailed over the men who would have respected the Great Covenant.

12. And the men of the North, both they who had given their voices for Abraham and they who had given their voices with the men of the South against him, were

amazed and stood astounded. And they said among themselves, This is vain boasting and vaunting, such as we have seen aforetime, done for the sake of more compromise.

13. (Now in the land of Unculpsalm, when a man humbled himself before another which threatened him, he was said to compromise.)

14. And the Dimmichrats, save those who had hearkened unto the ministers of Belial, said, Let us compromise ourselves again unto our Southern brethren, and it shall be well with us.

15. For they said among themselves, If the men of the South go, they and their provinces, there will be no more everlasting Niggah; and we shall cease to rule the land. And if they go not, behold then they will remember that we have compromised unto them, and they will again be gracious unto their servants, and will admit us unto a share in the government, and we shall rule the land as aforetime.

16. But the Phiretahs were wise in their generation, and they saw that the Dimmichrats were of no more use unto them, and that because the men of Belial had prevailed against the Dimmichrats, their power was gone in in their provinces; and so as they could no more use the Dimmichrats, they would not listen to them, and spurned their compromising, and spat upon it, and went on to destroy the nation, and prepared to make war against Abraham if he should begin to rule over them.

17. Now in those days there was a man in Gotham named Ken Edee, who was chief captain of the watchmen of the city and the region round about; and in Joarji was a man named Robert, who dwelt among the tombs, and who was possessed of an evil spirit whose name was Blustah. And Robert was a Phiretah.

18. And Ken Edee, chief captain of the watch in Gotham, found arms going from Gotham to the Phiretahs in Joarji, and he seized them. For he said, Lest they be

used to destroy the nation, and against the Great Covenant, which is the supreme law in the land of Unculpsalm, to which first belongeth my obedience.

19. Then Robert, who dwelt among the tombs, being seized upon by his demon Blustah, sent a threatening message unto Phernandiwud.

20. (For at this time Phernandiwud was chief ruler in the city of Gotham.)

21. Saying, Wherefore keep ye the arms of the Phiretahs? Give them unto us that we may make war against you, or it shall be worse for you.

22. Then Phernandiwud, because he hated the chief of the watchmen of Gotham, and because he hoped for the good success of the Phiretahs, compromised himself unto Robert, and crawled on his belly before him in the dust, and said, Is thy servant a man that he should do this thing? Thy servant kept no arms, neither would he do so. Let them who have the evil spirit Bak Bohn do thus unto my lords the Phiretahs. Behold, thy servant is no man, but a Phlunkee.

23. (Now the Phlunkees were men who had never had the spirit Bak Bohn, or who had had it cast out of them, because when they would have prostrated themselves and humbled themselves in the dust and compromised to their profit, the spirit rent them sore. So they had each of them his Bak Bohn cast out of him.)

24. And the Phiretahs went on their way without hindrance. For James, by facing both ways, faced neither; and both of the men of the South and the men of the North he was not regarded. And the nation spued him out of its mouth.

25. And Abraham ruled the land. But the Phiretahs withstood him, and made war upon him, and drove his captains out of the strongholds which were in their provinces, and humbled the banner of Unculpsalm.

26. Then all the men of the North, even the Dimmi

chrats, of whom were the Pahdees, were exceeding wrcth ; and they rose up against the Phiretahs of the South, and marched against them to drive them out of the strong places which they had seized, and to plant thereon again the banner of Unculpsalm.

27. For they all had exceeding reverence for the Great Covenant, and they were filled with pride of their nation, its might, and its wealth, and its vastness, and chiefly that its people were more free than any other people, and that its tillers of the soil and its wayfaring men could read and understand, and that there each man sat under his own vine and under his own fig tree with none to molest him or make him afraid. And they worshipped the banner of Unculpsalm, and its folds were unto them as the wings of a protecting angel.

28. Moreover, the Dimmichrats said, We have striven for our brethren of the South against the men of Belial, who teach that it is wrong to oppress the Niggah by the power of Unculpsalm, and now they can no longer use us they cast us off. Behold, we will fight against them, lest, also, they make good their threats, and sever their provinces from our provinces, and there be no more everlasting Niggah, and our occupation be departed forever.

29. And thus it came to pass that there was war in the land of Unculpsalm.

CHAPTER V.

1 *The Men of Gotham assembled.* 2 *Having each a Bak Bohn.* 3 *And Phernandivud getteth a Bak Bohn.* 5 *And speaketh to the People.* 8 *Benjamin the Scribe goeth not to the Assembly, but remaineth at home, mourning.* 13 *His policy and his prosperity.* 18 *The War continueth for two years.* 19 *And why.* 26 *The Rulers of Joubool help the Phiretahs.*

1. Now, when the news came that the Phiretahs of the South with five thousand men, even a great multitude, had

13. For what saith the prophet Daniel (not Sickles)? "And through his policy also shall he cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart."

14. For Benjamin also searched the Scripture, saying: Peradventure I may find therein something to my advantage.

15. Wherefore Benjamin the scribe, through his policies caused craft to prosper in his hand, and magnified himself in his heart.

16. And he said within himself, I will be a lawgiver in the land of Unculpsalm, even for the men of Gotham. Wherefore, he also made unto himself friends among the Pahdees; and he became a lawgiver in the land.

17. But the men of Gotham cast out Phernandiwud from his office of chief ruler of the city; because they remembered that he had compromised upon his belly to Robert who dwelt among the tombs, and had eaten dirt before him. Also that he had said, Let us take our city out of the nation. So they put no trust in him.

18. Now so it was that after the space of nearly two years the war which was in the land of Unculpsalm came not to an end.

19. For the men of the North and the men of the South were of one blood; and both were valiant. And the men of the North were more in number than the men of the South. But the men of the South multiplied themselves because of their Niggahs. For their Niggahs went not to war, but stayed at home to till the soil. Moreover, they were fighting upon their own ground; and much of their land was mire and marshes, desert land and wilderness, through which the armies of Unculpsalm wandered vainly, and where they stuck fast. And the men of the South cast up mounds upon their roads, and before their cities, and made strong their high places with towers. And their land was filled with strong places, and with men of war and engines of war, such as the men of the North looked not to see in that land.

20. For the men of the South were astonished when the men of the North marched against them ; because the men of the North had so often compromised themselves unto them, that they thought they were all Phlunkees, and that the spirit Bak Bohn had been utterly cast out of them. And without that spirit men cannot fight.

21. Wherefore, the men of the South which had Niggahs, even the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs, seeing that their case was desperate, forced all the men of their country into their armies, and took the men which had respect unto the government of Unculpsalm, according to the Great Covenant, and loved the banner of Unculpsalm, and would not fight against it, and they cast them into pits and into dungeons, and scourged them, and hanged them upon trees, after their manner. And being men of blood, and seeing that their case was desperate, they made it a terror to live in their country except unto them that professed to desire the destruction of the nation. So all men professed to desire it, or held their peace.

22. But in the land of the men of the North no man was molested. And men of the South dwelt there, and were spies and helpers unto their brethren. And men of the North, men of peace, which also were Phlunkees, helped their masters the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs.

23. And the men of the South had among them great captains ; men of might and wisdom in battle. And they chose to be ruler over them Jeph, surnamed the Repudiator.

24. (Now among the men of Unculpsalm when a man would neither pay the debt that he owed, nor acknowledge it and ask it to be forgiven him, he was called a repudiator.)

25. And Jeph had been captain over a thousand in the armies of Unculpsalm when they went into Meesicho, and had also been one of the great Council : and he was a bold man, and a crafty, one who knew neither fear nor scruple.

26. Moreover, the men of the South were helped might-

ily from beyond the sea, even by the men of the kingdom of Jonbool, from which their land was wrested by the forefathers of the men of Unculpsalm.

27. Yet the men of Unculpsalm would have loved the men of that nation, even as a son loveth his mother which bore him. But the nobles and the rich men of Jonbool scorned the men of Unculpsalm, and would none of their affection, and made light of their honor.

28. For the men of Unculpsalm had forgiven the men of Jonbool their oppression and their scorn, and had shown their Prince great honor; but the men who governed that nation had not forgiven the men of Unculpsalm their victory. And the prosperity and the glory of that land was an offence unto them. And certain of their scribes, which also were Phlunkees, wrote scornfully against the land of Unculpsalm, and bore false witness against it from generation to generation, and got thereby gold and honor in the land of Jonbool.

29. Wherefore, when the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs lifted up the standard of revolt, the rulers of the land of Jonbool said one to another,

30. Lo, the time for which we have waited without hope draweth nigh; and the land of Unculpsalm may be divided, and the nation destroyed, and the pride of the people cast down. And the might of their power shall be broken, and the glory of that land shall no longer be an offence unto us; and we shall be avenged without peril and without cost.

31. Likewise, also, said the nobles and the great men of other lands, where the few devoured the substance of the many.

32. So the rulers of the land of Jonbool made proclamation to all the earth, that in that war they would regard the men of the South which had revolted even as they regarded the rulers of the land chosen according to the Great Covenant. For they said, Thus shall we encourage

them, and give aid to them; and it shall cost us nothing: and after this they will be more ashamed to submit themselves unto the law which they have broken, and to the rulers which they have defied.

33. And the nobles and the merchants of that land, which aforetime had cursed and reviled the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs, and had imputed the deeds which were theirs only unto all the men of Unculpsalm, said Amen.

34. And the merchants of Jonbool sold the Phiretahs merchandise, and the armorers made them arms, and the ship-men builded them ships, swift and mighty, wherewith to destroy the ships of the men of the North. For they said thus shall we be avenged, and turn, also, every man, an honest penny. State-craft and business shall prosper together, and profit shall go hand in hand with pleasure.

35. And thus was the rebellion strengthened in the land of Unculpsalm; so that although the armies of Unculpsalm drove the men of the South out of much country where they had set up their banners, and captured their chief cities, and held all that they had taken, yet after two years were not their armies scattered or destroyed, or their ships which the men of Jonbool had builded for them, driven from the sea.

CHAPTER VI.

- 1 *Abraham and his Counsellors not wise in their generation.* 6 *Which is well pleasing to certain Dimmichrats.* 10 *Who seek to work confusion.* 12 *And to compromise themselves unto the Phiretahs.* 13 *And do compromise themselves unto the Ambassador of Jonbool.* 16 *Who is crafty and turneth neither to the right nor to the wrong.* 17 *The wrath of the men of the North.* 21 *The sect of Peace Men.* 25 *The House of Hiram the Publican.* 26 *A Woman of the Phiretahs.* 28 *Samuel*

seeketh her and ministereth unto her. 30 Abraham ministereth occasion unto the Peace men. They have a martyr.

1. Now Abraham was honest ; but he was not wise in his generation.

2. Likewise also of the chief counsellors that he appointed that one that was counsellor for the war wrought only mischief and confusion ; even so that Abraham, who was long-suffering and slow to anger, would sometimes put down his foot in wrath.

3. Now Abraham's foot was heavy, but his head was light, and his knees were feeble. So his foot came down in the wrong place or at the wrong time, or else it continued not down until the end was accomplished.

4. Wherefore he prevailed not. And he was called Abraham the well meaning. And men pitied him.

5. And Abraham and his counsellors should have ruled with a firm hand and a mighty arm, and have bound the land together with bands of steel ; and have smitten down the strong and set at naught the proud, and been gracious unto the feeble. But they wavered, and shrank from the voice of threatening, both in their own land and in the land of Jonbool.

6. And this was well pleasing unto certain men of the Dimmichrats. For they said in their hearts, If this nation can be saved by the rule of the Dimmichrats of our faction, let it be saved ; but if not, let it perish, and let us rule in our own provinces.

7. But they said not this openly ; for they feared the people.

8. For in all this time the hearts of the men of the North failed not, neither did they alter in their wicked purpose to preserve their nation from destruction.

9. And of the Dimmichrats it was only they who were faithful to their masters the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs, and who were meek and lowly, and who sought to com-

promise unto them, and crawl on their bellies before them, which was well fitting for them to do, and to say unto them, What would our masters have? and what shall their servants do that they may be gracious unto their servants, and allow them a little share in the ruling of this land?—it was these only among the Dimmichrats who were well pleased because Abraham and his counsellors prevailed not.

10. And these men held not up the hands of Abraham their ruler, but sought occasion to prevent his purposes and to bring his counsels to confusion, and his doings to naught.

11. And when Abraham's foot came down in the wrong place, or continued not down until the end was accomplished, and men's hearts were sick with disappointment, they sought to turn them in favor of Jeph the Repudiator and his counsellors.

12. And they said, Let us not have war with our masters the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs; but let us compromise unto them, and crawl on our bellies before them, even as we did aforetime; for it is meet and right and a pleasant thing to be humble.

13. And they sent messengers unto the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs, saying these things; and their scribes wrote them in books by night and sent them out unto the people by day. But the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs spurned them; for now that they could no more use them, they looked at them with loathing.

14. Likewise also some of them went privily to the ambassador of the land of Jonbool, even that land which sought the destruction of the nation of Uneulpsalm.

15. And they said unto him, Let us take counsel together that we may bring about this great end, the ceasing of the war without the putting down of the rebellion.

16. But he was crafty and answered them nothing. And he wrote letters unto the rulers of his land, saying, I

will watch faithfully, and I will turn aside neither to the right nor to the wrong, going which way it may be needful, if it leadeth to our profit. So shall I show myself worthy to be a ruler in the land of Jonbool.

17. Now when this letter was noised abroad in the land of Unculpsalm, the men of the north were incensed, and the fire of their anger was hot against the Dimmichrats that called themselves Peace men. For upon this matter the men of Belial, and the Dimmichrats which were not Peace men, and the Pahdees were of one mind.

18. And they said, Who is it that hath dared thus to humble this nation? Let him come out before us. And no man answered.

19. For they which had done it saw that they could not stand before the people and live. Yet still they said in their hearts, If this nation can be saved by the rule of the Dimmichrats of our faction, let it be saved; but if not, let it perish, and let us rule in our own provinces. For now they had but one thought; not how the rebellious Tshivulree and Phiretahs might be subdued and compelled again to their obedience, but how they might again rule the land and divide the spoil, and have again thier everlasting Niggah.

20. Wherefore they cried aloud for war, but labored in secret to bring the war to naught, and to turn the minds of the people to peace, that they might compromise unto the Phiretahs as they did aforetime. And they watched for their occasion.

21. Now the chiefs of this sect in Gotham were these:

22. Phernandiwud, who had been chief ruler of the city, and Benjamin his brother; James the scribe, which knew nothing, and Erastus his brother; Samuel, who was rich in butter; Hiram the publican, who was also a sinner, and Elijah, who smelled the battle afar in the tents of Tamnee; Cyrus (not he that was taught to ride, to shoot the bow, and to speak the truth, yet did this Cyrus shoot

with a longer bow than the other) ; Primus the scribe, whose beard was like Aaron's, and who dwelt among the merchants ; Samuel, who made the lightnings of heaven his messengers ; Ker Tiss, who wrote concerning the Great Covenant ; and one who dwelt in the elbows of the Mincio, and destroyed the hearts of women ; Isaiah, who was a captain of the Hammerites ; Samuel whose surname was Brinnzmaid, and whose fathers ate basty-pudding ; and Augustus the money-changer, who aforetime was called Schomberg.

23. Now the others were Gentiles, but Augustus was of the circumcision.

24. And all these men served diligently their master, who was Jeph the Repudiator. And many of them were Scribes, but all of them were Pharisees ; for they held to the letter of the law, but knew not its spirit. And they taught, like them of old, concerning the Sabbath, that the nation was made for the Great Covenant, and not the Great Covenant for the nation.

25. And the inn of Hiram, which before the war began in the land of Unculpsalm had been filled with Tshivulree and Phiretahs, and with Phlunkees compromising themselves unto their masters the Phiretahs, and crawling upon their bellies before them, became now the chief place of resort for them that still served the Tshivulree and labored to prosper the rebellion. There they gathered themselves together and plotted in secret how they might ensnare the rulers of Unculpsalm, and rejoiced openly when the banner of the Phiretahs prevailed against the banner of Unculpsalm. So did the inn of Hiram become the synagogue of rebellion.

26. And there came a woman of the Phiretahs into Gotham. And she was married ; yet was her husband not with her. And she was comely and fair to look upon.

27. And it was told unto the rulers of Unculpsalm, Behold, this woman of the Phiretahs cometh to spy out the

nakedness of the land. Wherefore the rulers sent a message unto Ken Edee, chief of the watchmen of Gotham, that he should take her and put her in ward. And he did so.

28. Now when Samuel, whose surname was Brinnzmaid, heard that Ken Edee had taken a woman of the Phiretahs and put her in ward, he went to her; and when he saw that her husband was not with her, and that she was comely and fair to look upon, and that she had come to spy out the nakedness of the land, he succored her and ministered unto her. And he caused Ken Edee to take her out of ward; and when he had kept her in Gotham for awhile, that she might be comforted and see the nakedness of the land, he sent her back into the land of Tshivulree.

29. So all these men, and many others which followed them, did nothing else night and day but strive to get the land again into the hands of their faction that they might serve their master Jeph the Repudiator, and compromise unto him, and preserve their everlasting Niggah.

30. Now while they were waiting their occasion, Abraham himself ministered it unto them. For one of the captains in the army of Unculpsalm, took Clement, a law-giver, because he had said that Abraham was a usurper and a tyrant, in that he resisted Jeph the Repudiator, and had sought to diminish the armies of Unculpsalm, and cast him into prison; and to a scribe which did likewise, the captain sent armed men that stood over him with drawn swords, saying, Ye shall no longer thus stir up the people to sedition.

31. And immediately the chief men of the Dimmichrats throughout the land raised a great uproar, for they said, Now cometh our opportunity.

32. For there was a law in the land of Unculpsalm that every man might speak and write freely all the promptings of his heart, so that he slandered not his neighbor, and that no man should be cast into prison save by a judge,

when he had been condemned by twelve good men of his province. And the people of the land of Unculpsalm prized this law above all their other laws; and it was a part of the Great Covenant and of the Great Charter of the liberties of that people.

33. But it was written in the Great Covenant that in times of sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion, this law should cease and be of no effect; for the safety of the nation.

34. Now the leaders of the Dinnichrats, who were wise in their generation, and who sought first to get power into their own hands, and afterwards the salvation of the nation, said among themselves, Lo, Abraham has given us a martyr; and it is better than if he had given the armies of Unculpsalm a victory. Now, therefore, let us bewail the woes of Clement and the violence to the Great Covenant and the ancient Charter; and we will declare that it is to preserve this nation from destruction, and we shall regain the hearts of this people.

35. And they did so. And the people forgot the peril of the land, and how it was in more danger from traitors that were within than from foes that were without; and they forgot also the provision of the Great Covenant against such perils; and there was a great commotion.

36. And Abraham said, Let not Clement be kept in prison; but let him be sent among the Phiretahs; for they are his friends, and he is our enemy; and let the scribe continue his writing. And it was done. So Clement became a martyr; and the scribe hardened his heart and was tenfold more the servant of the Phiretahs than before. For he said, Abraham feareth the Dinnichrats, and even the men of Belial fear them also, and the spirit Bak Bohn is again cast out of them.

CHAPTER VII. ..

1 *Phernandiwd summoneth his disciples to hear the New Gospel of Peace at the Hall of Peter the Barrelmaker.* 8 *Who came not to the Assembly.* 9 *And why.* 13 *Who came.* 17 *Phernandiwd proclaimeth the New Gospel of Peace.* 20 *The Hittites and Hammerites are well pleased.* 22 *But have groanings about the freedom of the Niggah.* 25 *Phernandiwd sheweth that there is no right but Peace and Everlasting Niggah.* 26 *And Free Speech.* 32 *Meekness of Phernandiwd.* 33 *And of the Hittites and the Hammerites.* 38 *Isaiah telleth of a ministration of Peace.* 45 *The New Gospel of Peace spreadeth beyond the border of Musunandicsun.*

1. Now Phernandiwd saw that his time was come.

2. And he said unto his familiars and to them which did his bidding, (for he had a great following in Gotham), Behold, the spirit of peace hath descended upon me; and I go forth to declare the mystery of a new gospel of peace, a gospel of great gain, unto me first, and afterward unto the Dimmichrats. And I shall reward them who are faithful unto me.

3. Go now therefore and summon the Dimmichrats who serve Jeph the Repudiator and the Phiretahs in Gotham.

4. James the scribe and Erastus his brother, who know nothing, and my brother Benjamin, who knoweth some things; Samuel, who is rich in butter, Hiram, the publican; Elijah, who smelleth the battle afar off; Cyrus, who shooteth with a longer bow than the first Cyrus; Primus, who dwelleth among the merchants; Ker Tiss, of the great Covenant; Isaiah, captain of the Hammerites; Samuel, who sendeth the lightning on his errand, and the other Samuel, whose surname is Brinnzmaid; and Augustus, the money-changer.

5. And say unto them, Gather yourselves together, ye and your following, every man of you in the hall of Peter

who is called the Barrel-maker, and in the open space round about, that ye may hear from my lips the new gospel of peace.

6. (Now this Peter made the substance whereby one thing sticketh unto another thing. Wherefore he was for union; and he called the hall which he had builded, the Union; (for he said, Thus shall I stick this nation together,) but the people called it after his own name. And he was rich and he offended no man. Now in the land of Unculpsalm, whosoever was rich and offended no man, became one of the chief men of his place, and of his country. Moreover, Peter gave of his substance unto the people. And this was he who, at a feast given unto the Prince of the land of Jonbool, clapped the Prince upon the shoulder and said unto him, My lord the Prince shall dance next with my daughter. For he was a gracious man and a courteous, and he knew that his daughter was comely.)

7. And Phernandiwud looked for the assembling of the men which he had summoned, they and their following, at the hall of Peter the Barrel-maker, and the space round about.

8. But these men came not: James the scribe, and Erastus his brother; Samuel, whose surname is Brinnzmaid and the other Samuel; Benjamin the brother of Phernandiwudd, and Elijah of Tamunee; Hiram the publican, and Cyrus, Primus, and Augustus the money-changer, and their following.

9. For they said within themselves, This gospel of peace will be an offence unto the people, who are preverse in their hearts, and who love the banner of Unculpsalm, and have respect unto the rulers chosen according to the Great Covenant, even although the men be not to their liking, and who are foolishly bent on destroying the armies and the power of them who would destroy the nation.

10. Wherefore we will not be seen listening to the gos-

pel of peace. For it shall be better for us to cry out for war, and meanwhile to hinder the war in secret, and to seek every occasion to bring the rulers of our country to scorn and derision in the time of her trial, and to aid Jeph the Repudiator, and his spies, and his emissaries, and to work confusion in the land.

11. For so shall the people be weary of their rulers, and bewildered with our confusion; and they shall trust us, and turn unto us in their desolation, and say, Verily, these are the men, and make us rulers of the land.

12. Then will we compromise ourselves again unto our masters the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs, as it is meet, and right, and pleasant for us to do; and we shall find yet deeper dust wherein to crawl before them; and we shall loosen the bonds of these provinces, and make each governor of a province thereof a little satrap, but great in his own eyes and in the eyes of the Phlunkees, which will surround him, that he may defy the chief ruler of the land; and we shall divide the spoil.

13. But these men came to the hall of Peter the Barrel-maker to hear Phernandiwnd declare the new gospel of peace,

14. Din Ninny, who was chief ruler of the assembly, and who directed all the doings thereof; Isaiah, who was captain of the Hammerites; and many others of the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats.

15. And with them there came a great multitude of the Hittites and the Hammerites, and of the Dedrabitx from Koubae beyond Boueree, and the dwellers in Phyyvintz, which is nigh unto the tombs where they buried Juz Tiss. (Now Juz Tiss was not of kin unto that Ker Tiss who wrote of the Great Covenant), and in Makkurilvil, and in the country as thou goest by the shore of the river on the East, unto Shyppyardz.

16. And all these men gathered themselves together, fiercely bent upon peace. And they filled the hall of Peter the Barrel-maker, and the open space round about.

17. And when Phernandiwud stood up and beckoned unto them they shouted for about the space of half an hour. For they remembered what he had done for them aforetime; and they looked for a ministration of the gospel of peace, such as there had been between the watchmen of Phernandiwud and those which had been appointed by the governor and rulers of the province. And they said within themselves, Now shall we again break the heads of the watchmen of Ken Edee; and there shall be peace again in the land.

18. And Phernandiwud said unto them, Hearken, O men of Gotham! I come before you this day preaching a new gospel of peace. Peace on earth and good-will to men. Peace on earth, that I and my faithful followers may get what is due unto us, and good-will unto men who are of our persuasion among the Dimmichrats.

19. For there be Dimmichrats, yea, verily, even Pahdees, who are not of our persuasion, and who enter not into our congregation. Let them be accursed.

20. And all the people said, Hi! hi! For such is the manner of the Hittites and the Hammerites of Gotham when they are well pleased.

21. And again Phernandiwud opened his mouth and said, O, my brethren, the day of calamity cometh upon the land of Unculsahn, and there is no man able to help. Therefore have I come hither that I may save this nation. No man raiseth the banner of peace. Therefore will I raise it, that war and hate, which are the children of Satan, may be at an end, except for the Dimmichrats which are not of our persuasion, and the men of Belial which preach freedom unto the Niggah. Them let us hate with a perfect hatred, and upon them let us make war without ceasing.

22. (And when the Hittites and Hammerites heard of liberty to the Niggah, they all groaned with an exceeding loud groan, as it were if each man had been seized with

pangs of griping in his bowels. For to hear of freedom to the Niggah is gall and wormwood to the Hittites and the Hammerites.)

23. Then said Fernandiwnud, Through the pride of their hearts, and the vanity and wickedness of their imaginations, the rulers of this land have sinned and done wickedly in that they have not allowed the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs to destroy this nation without making war upon it.

24. For the land of Uneulpsalm hath no right to a government, neither have the people of Uneulpsalm any right to be a nation. Neither is the Great Covenant a covenant to be kept, except by the men of each province, so long as it is pleasing in their eyes.

25. But these only are right, Peace and the everlasting Niggah. Such peace as we had aforetime, ere the accursed spirit Bak Bohn took possession of this people. Peace which will enable our brethren of the South to eat their bread in the sweat of another's face; to rob the laborer of his hire; to oppress the weak, and set their foot upon the neck of the lowly; to beat their Niggahs with many stripes, to hunt them with dogs, and to slay them; to take their women for concubines, and to beget of them sons and daughters; and to sell from the mother the fruit of her womb and the nursling of her bosom; to make merchandise of the fruit of their own loins, and to sell their own flesh and blood into bondage forever.

27. Peace, my brethren, which will also restore our right of free speech according to the Great Covenant; of which we have been robbed by the rulers of this land, that they may wage their wicked war upon the Phiretahs.

28. For, O men of Gotham, ye see this day how your rulers oppress you, and will allow no man to speak evil of them, that they may wage this war without let or hindrance; and that all men's mouths are shut by fear of the gallows or the dungeon, who will not prophesy smooth

things of their damnable doings, and cover up their wickedness and glorify their abominations.

29. Therefore I declare unto you that we must have the peace, the peace which ensueth from free speech. So that when men of Belial seek to turn the hearts of the men of the South to setting their bondsmen free, and taking away from us our everlasting Niggah, the Phiretahs may seize upon them, and beat them with many stripes, and hang them upon trees, and roast them with fire, and pour hot pitch upon them, and ride them upon sharp beams, very grievous to bestride. Peace and free speech, such as there was on the day when Prestenbruux smote down Charles the Summoner, and beat him until he was nigh unto death.

30. Let this Peace hover over the land, scattering balm from her outstretching wings. Balm for the wounded souls of the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs; balm for the wounds which Dimmichratie brethren have inflicted on each other; balm for my bruised spirit and defrauded expectations.

31. Let this peace come to us, my brethren, and the lion of the South and the lamb of the North shall lie down together, and there shall no more be contention between them; for the lamb shall be inside of the lion.

32. Let us then be lambs, O men of Gotham! Yea, let us be meek as lambs. For it is written that the meek shall inherit the earth.

32. Then the Hittites and the Hammerites again cried out Hi! hi! after their fashion; and in a twinkling many of them took an oath that they were the meek, and that they should inherit the earth.

34. Then Phernandiwnd said, All now is well with us, my brethren, and with the land of Unculpsahn. Peace and free-speech shall prevail among us now and forever.

35. Then the Hittites and the Hammerites shouted with a great shout, and they clenched their fists and said, God

do so to us and more also, if we break not every man his head which saith there shall not henceforth be peace and free-speech throughout the land.

36. And no man answered. So they said, Lo there is peace.

37. And Phernandiwud said these things many times.

38. Now when Phernandiwudd had made an end of speaking unto the people, there arose Isaiah, he who was captain of a band of the Hammerites, and which was one of the chief disciples of Phernandiwud. And he said,

39. Shall there not be peace, my brethren? Remember ye not the time when Philip, the priest of Beelzebub came here preaching deliverance to the captive and the setting at liberty even of the Niggah? and how he entered into the Tabernacle and gathered unto him iniquitous men, men of Belial who hearkened unto him, and believed in him?

40. And remember ye not how I, with you Hammerites, who break the heads of all them, who set themselves against you, and you, O Hittites, who hit from the shoulder, went into the Tabernacle and broke up their congregation and scattered their assembly?

41. And I knocked down Philip, and dragged him out of the pulpit wherein he was speaking, and drave him out of the Tabernacle?

42. Yea, verily, I knocked him down; for I am a man of peace; and dragged him out of his pulpit and drave him forth of the Tabernacle; for I love free speech.

43. Then the Hittites and the Hammerites, and the Dimichrats which had joined themselves unto the faction of Jeph the Repudiator, burst out into a great shouting. And for the space of about an hour they did nothing but cry Peace and Free Speech, and death unto him that saith to the contrary.

44. And when they were weary of shouting, they went each man unto his own home.

45. And the new gospel of peace spread abroad, and prevailed mightily.

46. And it went throughout all the land of Unculpsalm even beyond the border of Masunandicsun.

47. So that in about ten days the chief captain of the Tshivulree, whose name was Robbutleeh (he who had forced Litulmak, who was surnamed the Unready, to change his base, and sent Joseph, whose surname sheweth that it was not he which fled from the wife of Potiphar, back from whence he came), took an army of the Phiretahs and marched into two of the provinces of the land of Unculpsalm, proclaiming the new gospel of peace at the point of the sword.

48. And he laid parts of those provinces waste with fire, and he destroyed the bridges that were over the rivers, and carried off their horses, and their corn and their cattle; and put all them that resisted the new gospel of peace to the sword.

49. So the people began to understand the mystery of the new gospel; and they glorified it; and they said, yet a little while, and the Niggah shall be restored to his bondage, and the Tshivulree, and the Phiretahs shall be our masters, and peace shall rule the land with a rod of iron, and we shall compromise ourselves for ever. And there was great rejoicing.

50. Now I, even I, Benjamin the scribe, the brother of Phernandiwud, have written these things, not of my own will, or of the promptings of my own heart, for the truth is not in me. But forasmuch as the spirit of prophecy hath descended upon me, like Balaam, the son of Beor, I have uttered the innermost thoughts of my heart in mine own despite, and I have written the mystery of the new gospel of peace.

51. And to few shall it be given to comprehend this mystery.

52. And the acts of Phernandiwud, whose walk was

slantindicular, and of his disciples, after the proclamation of the new gospel of peace, and of James the scribe, and of Erastus his brother, and of Samuel who is rich in butter, and Samuel who sendeth the lightning whither he will, and Hiram the publican, and that other Samuel, who ministered unto the Phiretah woman: and of Elijah, who smelleth the battle afar off in the tents of Tamunee; and of Cyrus, and Primus, and Kerr Tiss, and Isaiah of the Hammerites, which were Gentiles; and of Augustus, the money changer, which was of the circumeision, and of the other Pharisees and Phlunkees, shall not I, Benjamin the scribe, write them in a book? and they shall be spread abroad in all lands for the enlightening of all nations.

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CHAPTER I.

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1. HERE beginneth the second book of the mystery of the new gospel of peace, whereof I, Benjamin the Scribe, the brother of Phernandiwud, wrote in the former book which was published unto the people of Gotham and unto the people of all nations.

2. In the day when Phernandiwud declared the new gospel of peace in the hall of Peter the Barrelnaker, Robbutleeh, the chief captain of the Tshivulree, was in the land of Diksee (for so is called the land of Unculsalm when thou goest south of the border of Masunandicsun), even in the province of Pharjinnee, which is the country of the Ephephvees.

3. Now the Ephephvees had been patriarchs from the

beginning, and like them of old had bought their wives for a price.

4. For aforetime the men of the land of Jonbool, merchants who bought slaves in Ethiopia, and carried them across the great sea and sold those of them that were left alive, had taken of their women them which stole, and them which railed in the streets and upon the housetops, and instead of putting them to death or into prison, they had sent them by ship-loads unto Pharjinnee, and sold them for wives unto the men of that land. And thus did the men of Jonbool rid their land of pestilent women and turn an honest penny, after their manner.

5. So these women became wives and mothers unto many of the Ephephvees that they might live after the manner of the patriarchs. But there were some which bought not their wives; but they bought their concubines. So they still lived after the manner of the patriarchs.

6. And because these concubines were Ethiopian women, even Niggahs, and their ill-savor went up, it behoved the Ephephvees that their days of purification should be accomplished, to wit: six months with oil of myrrh and six months with sweet odors and other things for the purifying of women, even as it was unto Esther before she went in unto Ahashuerus. But the Ephephvees tarried not for these things.

7. And when Phernandiwud declared the new gospel of peace, Robbutleeh marched northward with all his host into the land of the Iangkies; and as he marched the new gospel prevailed more and more.

8. And there was great joy among the followers of Phernandiwud, and among all the faction of the Phlunkees among the Dimmichrats, which were called Kopurhedds.

9. For in the land of Unculpsalm there is an evil beast and a venomous, which crawleth upon his belly in the dust,

and compromiseth himself humbly until there is good occasion, and then he stingeth unto death without warning and in silence. And the name thereof is kopur-hedd.

10. And Robbutleeh marched northward with a mighty army, even an army of an hundred thousand chosen men. And the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs of the South boasted after their manner that the armies of Unculpsalm could not withstand or hinder him, and that he would lay waste the country of the Iangkies, and minister the gospel of peace unto them in such manner as would delight the heart of Phernandiwud and of the Kopur-hedds, his followers.

11. Moreover, they prophesied that he would break up their government and dissolve the bonds of their union, so that they would be no more a nation, but a gathering together of provinces at variance among themselves, each one doubting, fearing, and hating the other, and so the war would come to an end and the gospel of peace prevail forever.

12. And the captains which were under Robbutleeh boasted mightily; for they had overcome one of the captains of Unculpsalm, and driven him out of the province of Pharjinnee. So they were mightily puffed up. And when they entered the province which is called the land of Mary, and had taken a city called after Hagar, because she was the concubine of Abraham, and handmaid unto Sarah, his wife (for the land of Mary is a patriarchal land), and the people of the city would have fled away, the captain of the Tshivulree said unto them, Flee not away in hope to return again when we are departed; for we have taken this city to dwell in it. So the people remained.

13. But Robbutleeh still marched northward with his host, leaving garrisons behind him in the cities which he took, until he entered the province of Schaddbellee, which, being interpreted, is the country of the Cooacres.

14. And he sent the chief captains which were under

him, each captain with his company, northward toward the city in which dwelt the governor of the province of Schaddbellee, and eastward toward the chief city of the province, which is called Cooacre city. And the great merchants of the province of Schaddbellee dwelt in that city.

15. And Robbutleeh took the little cities upon the southern border of the province of Schaddbellee, and put a captain with his company in each of them; and he threatened to take the city of the governor of the province of Schaddbellee and the chief city of the merchants, even Cooacre city; and his soldiers scoured the country and carried off corn and cattle and raiment, even much spoil. And great fear fell upon the men of Cooacre city and of Gotham, and upon all the people throughout the land of Unculpsalm, which is beyond Masunandicsun, because of Robbutleeh and his Tshivulree and his Phiretahs.

16. But the Kopur-hedds and the Dimmichrats of their faction feared not, but rejoiced in their hearts. For they said within themselves, Now shall the armies of Abraham be scattered and his government be destroyed; and we shall have a new government; and the corner-stone thereof shall be the everlasting Niggah. And they gave Robbutleeh to know secretly that they rejoiced.

17. Now in the province of Schaddbellee, in the middle country thereof, were many Tytchmen, even a great multitude, sons of Hesh, which by them of old time were called Hesh-Huus.

18. For when the king of the land of Jonbool, who himself was a Tytchman, and the son of a Tytchman, made war upon the men of Unculpsalm, he bought Tytchmen, sons of Hesh, of their king, and sent them under his captains and under his officers to fight with the men of Unculpsalm, even the Iangkees.

19. And when the sons of Hesh had been well beaten

by the Iangkees, of them that were left of them many remained in the land of Unculpsalm, in the province of Schaddbellee. For they saw that it was a rich land and a goodly, even a land in which they might get gelt, which, being interpreted, is lucre.

20. And they sent letters to their friends and their kinsmen which dwelt in the land of Hesh, saying to them, Come unto this land and live, for there is gelt here. And they came.

21. And these Tytchmen learned not for a long time the language of the Iangkies, nor followed they their customs, even for two generations, but they spake their own language, and their scribes wrote in it, and they followed their own customs. And they lived slowly, so that whereas the Iangkies lived ten days in one day, the Tytchmen did not live ten days in one year. And they learned only one thing of the Iangkees, to worship the great ruler Jah Xunn, and to believe in him. And they believed in him, and obeyed him, and gave their voices that he should be chief ruler of the land of Unculpsalm many years after he was gathered to his fathers ; and they do so even unto this day.

22. And like Jeph, the chief ruler of the Tshivulree, they were repudiators ; and it was by their voice that the province of Schaddbellee was numbered for a little time with the repudiators. For the Cooacres, though they do look after lucre, yet do they not repudiate.

23. And the Tytchmen did nothing and thought of nothing, night and day, but to get gelt ; and when they got it they put it into pots and into stockings and hid it away. And their cattle were better lodged than they.

24. And when Robbutleeh marched into the province of Schaddbellee, into their country, the Tytchmen bowed themselves down before him, and compromised themselves unto him, and said, What will my lord that his servants shall do that he may be gracious unto them ? For they

hoped to save their gelt and their cattle, and to put more gelt into their pots and into their stockings; but for the nation and its honor and its power, and the freedom of its people, and the justice of its counsels, cared they nothing.

25. And there was a certain man of Iawre, a little city, which was chief ruler thereof, who, when he heard that one of the captains of the Tshivulree was drawing nigh unto his city, mounted his horse and rode forth to find the captain, that he might be in haste to compromise unto him and to render him up the city. And he was of the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats.

26. And he rode many miles and wandered far into the open country, until the night was passed and the dawn appeared, but he found not the Phiretah captain. And he returned home sad and very sorrowful because he had not been able to compromise unto the Tshivulree, and give up his city.

27. But Robbutleeh and his captains, though they were Tshivulree, thought scorn of the chief man of Iawre and of the Tytchmen, and spat upon their compromising, and took their cities like conquerors.

28. And the captain which took the city of Iawre made a proclamation to the inhabitants, saying,

29. Men of Iawre, ye deserve that I should burn your city and cast you out, even ye and your wives and your little ones into the wilderness: because ye are of the accursed race of Iangkies, which, when the people of our cities have made war upon them and killed them, have destroyed the cities and driven out the people, even the Tshivulree, which is an abomination.

30. Behold now also how we of the Tshivulree are not like the Iangkies, in that we respect private property. I shall not take from you your property, I, nor my officers, nor my soldiers. But ye shall bring unto me speedily one hundred thousand pieces of silver, and six hundred measures of fine flour, and thirty thousand measures of

corn, and forty thousand pounds of the flesh of fat beeves, and one thousand changes of raiment, even of shoes and coats and of nether garments, which are unmentionable, and ye shall deliver the full tale thereof unto officers that I shall appoint, or I will lay waste your city and destroy it with fire.

31. And when the chief man of Iawre and the Tytchmen had read the proclamation their hearts sank within them. But they confessed it not even among themselves, but said one to another, Behold how pleasant and good and profitable a thing it is to compromise unto the Tshivulree. For if we had not compromised unto them they might not have respected our private property. But now we have only to bring unto them, speedily, silver, and fine flour, and corn, and flesh of beeves, and changes of raiment, with the nether garments, which are unmentionable, or to have our city laid waste and burned over our heads. Let us, therefore, bring up the gelt, and the corn, and the cattle, and the unmentionable raiment, speedily.

32. And they did so. And in three days they brought money and meat and raiment, even to the sum of thirty thousand pieces of silver. And they could pay no more. So they compromised themselves yet more unto the Phiretah captain, and said unto him, Forgive thy servants the residue. But he answered them, I will not forgive you the residue: see that ye pay the full tale thereof in twenty days, or I will destroy your city, which I have not yet done because we do respect private property.

33. And when these doings were noised abroad in Coocre city and in Gotham, there was amazement and consternation, and chiefly among the Kopur-hedds, many of which were rich and had great possessions.

34. For they said, Lo, the people of Iawre and the Tytchmen round about, have compromised unto the Tshivulree, and the chief ruler of Iawre sought out the captain of the Phiretahs diligently, that he might render

him up the city ; and yet they, who respect private property, have levied upon the people of Iawre a contribution which valueth three hundred thousand pieces of silver.

35. Behold, now, Iawre is a little city, and the people thereof are of small wealth and few possessions. What, therefore, must we give, even we who compromise ourselves, when Robbutleeh cometh unto our cities. In Cooacre city it will be twenty millions of pieces of silver, and in Gotham it will be fifty millions, and peradventure, one hundred millions. We like not this manner of compromising ; for now we begin to see that it is all upon one side. (For this sort of men have their understandings in their pockets.) And there was great commotion.

CHAPTER II.

1 *The Governor of the Province of Gotham seeketh to be Chief Ruler in Unculpsalm.* 2 *He is called Say-More and See-More.* 9 *The Cooacres.* 12 *The Hesh-Huns avenge their fathers of the Iangkies.* 18 *They will get gelt and have Jah Xunn for Chief Ruler.* 21 *The City of the Furnaces, and of Swine-sin-naughty.* 22 *Which sinneth with the unclean beast.*

1. Now, the governor of the province of Gotham sought to be Chief Ruler of the land of Unculpsalm.

2. And of the Pahdees he was called Say More, because that he could say more and mean less than any other man in that country. But of the Kopur-hedds, which were not Pahdees, he was called See More, because that there was no man who could see more ways of making trouble for other folk and getting out of it himself.

3. Wherefore, among the Pahdees and the Kopur-hedds he was thought to be the fittest man to rule the land of Unculpsalm in the place of Abraham the Honest.

4. And when Robbutleeh marched into the province of

Schaddbellee, Abraham sent messages unto the governor of Gotham and unto the governor of Jarzee, saying, The Phiretahs be upon you! Arouse, and send men southward to meet them, ere they march upon your cities.

5. And the governor of Gotham then showed that he should be named See More. For he said within himself, Behold, if that cometh to pass for which I am looking, will it not be better that the soldiers of Gotham be southward in the province of Schaddbellee, and in the province which is called the land of Mary?

6. For Robbutlech will surely be victorious, and then shall the city of Gotham and the province of Gotham be without defence against him, and the end shall come the more quickly, and the gospel of peace shall prevail, and the bonds of this nation shall be dissolved, and I shall be a satrap in my province; and so likewise shall the other governors be in their provinces, and we shall make a league together not like unto the Great Covenant, but like unto the league which was before the Great Covenant, and the corner-stone thereof shall be the everlasting Niggah. For it is better that this nation should be destroyed than that the slaves should go free, and the everlasting Niggah should cease from off the land.

7. Wherefore he sent southward speedily all the soldiers of Gotham and the country round about, even twenty thousand men. And they marched into the province of Schaddbellee, into the southern and middle parts thereof.

8. And the men of this country, even the Tytchmen, sons of Hesh, had fled, some of them, from before the Tshivulree, and others had remained and compromised unto them; but there were none which remained and defied them and took up arms against them.

9. But such were not all the men of the land of the Cooacres. For they had sent forth many mighty men to the war, footmen and horsemen, which had fought valiantly for Unculpsalm; and a part of the army of Un-

culpsalm which had gotten great renown, had come out of the province of Schaddbellee, and was called after the name of that province.

10. Likewise also did the Cooacres furnish many men, even a great multitude, unto another army in the service of Unculpsalm; even the noble army of Counteractors, which did continually praise Abraham.

11. And when the soldiers of Gotham came into the province of Schaddbellee, nigh unto the places where the hosts of Robbutleeh were, they looked to be received with favor and with thankfulness by the men of that country.

12. But the Tytechmen said, Now can we do like the men of the land of Jonbool, for whom our fathers came to fight. We can avenge our fathers of these Iangkies for the defeat our fathers suffered from their fathers; for we can spoil them and get gelt. And so shall we do like unto the men of the land of Jonbool, when they avenge themselves against the Iangkies, and turn also every man an honest penny.

13. For these Iangkies be come hither from Gotham in great multitudes, and they will need food and drink and lodging. Wherefore they are at our mercy, and we will make them pay fourfold for all that they require of us. And they did so.

14. And the men of Gotham were astonished, and said, Is it thus that ye do unto them which come to protect you against the Phiretahs?

15. And they answered and said, Yea, verily. For if ye come to protect us against the Phiretahs, how shall we be protected unless we get from you the gelt which the Phiretahs have taken away from us?

16. Go to, then: for a loaf of bread ye shall pay thirty pennies, and for an egg ye shall pay six pennies, and for a cup of water three pennies; and so on in like manner for all that ye may require of us.

17. And if ye be foolish, and will not compromise unto

the Phiretahs, and entreat them humbly, but will go into battle against them, and any of you be wounded, as ye shall deserve, behold, we will bind up your wounds and pour in oil and wine, like unto the Samaritan of old; and for the bandage ye shall pay a piece of silver, and for the oil three pieces of silver, and for the wine five pieces of silver, even of the pieces which are almighty and which we worship. And for your lodging while ye are sick, ye shall pay in like manner.

18. And for the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs against whom ye come, ye are no more welcome than they. We care nothing for your quarrel. Get you gone, both of you, and leave us to our farms and our merchandize, that we may get gelt and put it into pots and into stockings. Let us alone, and give us Jah Xunn for chief ruler.

19. Thus did the Tytchmen of the province of Schaddbellee. But in the land of Unculpsalm were other Tytchmen, not sons of Hesh, which did not so, but fought valiantly against the Phiretahs. Likewise also came Tytchmen among the soldiers of Gotham; and their cheeks burned with shame and with anger because of the doings of their brethren in the land of the Cooacres, and they reviled them in their own tongue.

20. And the men of the province of Schaddbellee, which were Cooacres, and which were of the blood of the Iangkies, did not thus, but made ready to do battle with the Phiretahs, and cast up mounds around their cities, and set thereon engines of war, which sent forth fire and smoke and iron.

21. Thus did the men of the city of the Furnaces, which lieth on the north of the river of Strong Waters, which is at the beginning of the great river of the debtors, even the Oh-I-owe, which is the way to the country of the Repudiators, by which thou descendest unto the city of Swine-sin-naughty.

22. For that city was entirely given up to sinning with

the unclean beast. So that the people did nothing else, night and day, but slay and eat the abominable creature, and make ready for others to eat thereof. Wherefore when they of the circumcision, like unto Augustus the money-changer, passed through that city, they washed themselves, and were unclean until the evening. And it is called the city of Swine-sin-naughty unto this day.

23. And the chief ruler of lawre and the Tytchmen of Schaddbellee, were held in scorn, and the men of the city of the Furnaces, and they which did like unto them, were held in honor throughout the land of Unculpsalm.

CHAPTER III.

1 *Robbutleeh still marcheth northward.* 5 *George the Mede.* 7 *The land trembleth.* 8 *But the Kopur-hedds rejoice.* 16 *George the Mede maketh a Proclamation.* 20 *A battle beginneth at Gettingsburg.* 23 *The battle continueth on the second day.* 25 *The Phiretahs are astonished.* 26 *The battle beginneth on the third day.* 27 *Hew-hell, a Phiretah Captain, blasphemeth.* 31 *Robbutleeh reneweth the battle.* 33 *But the Army of Unculpsalm is victorious.* 38 *And Robbutleeh fleeth back into Pharjinnee.*

1. Now, when Robbutleeh marched northward into the province which is called the land of Mary, Joseph of Kalaphorni, whom Robbutleeh had driven out of the Wilderness of Pharjinnee, was yet chief captain of the army of Unculpsalm, which aforetime had been led by Litulmak the Unready, and by John the Boaster, and by Ambrose the Faithful.

2. And this army was an army of chosen men, and valiant, which had borne the heat and burden of the war, and which had been thrice turned back with great slaughter, but could not be conquered, no, not even by calamity.

3. And Joseph of Kalaphorni was a valiant man, and a

trusty. And when Robbutleeh marched northward, Joseph marched after him to give him battle.

4. But, so it was that Joseph saw that Abraham's counsellors of war distrusted him, because that he had been driven out of the Wilderness of Pharjinnce, and that they worked not with him to obtain the victory. And he said, What am I, that my honor and my glory should peril the land of Unculpsalm? Let another be made chief captain in my place; and let me be a soldier in the armies of my country.

5. And Abraham and his counsellors made George the Mede chief captain in the place of Joseph.

6. Now, George the Mede, was of the city of the Cooacres. And he was a meek man, and had been for a long time a captain in the armies of Unculpsalm, serving faithfully and eschewing flatterers. And the people of Unculpsalm, save his own soldiers, the Cooacres of the province of Schaddbellee, knew not his name.

7. Wherefore the land was astonished, and trembled when it saw that he was set up against Robbutleeh, who had discomfited Litulmak, and John the Boaster, and Ambrose the Faithful, and Joseph of Kalaphorni.

8. But the Kopur-hedds rejoiced in their hearts, and said within themselves, Now shall the armies of Abraham be utterly put to rout by Robbutleeh, and the people will say, Abraham is unfit to rule over us.

9. And the scribes of the Kopur-hedds wrote in the books which they sent out day by day, such things as would prepare the people for the defeat of George the Mede, and the destruction of the government of Unculpsalm.

10. And George the Mede said, Who am I, that this great office should be laid upon me? But he halted not, neither doubted, but marched straight forward by swift marches upon Robbutleeh.

11. And when Robbutleeh heard that the army of the

Iangkies (for so the Tshivulree called all the men of Unculpsalm who did not buy and sell the Niggah, and get their bread by the sweat of his face), and that George the Mede was its chief captain,

12. He said, What be these Iangkies, that they dare to withstand their masters? and who is this Mede, that he cometh with a thrice defeated army between me and my great purpose? Behold, I will scatter him and his host to the four winds of heaven, and give their flesh to the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field, and they shall perish from off the earth, and the land of Unculpsalm shall be purged of the Iangkies and their rule forever.

13. Likewise also, said the other captains of his host; for such had been the manner of the Tshivulree from the beginning.

14. And Robbutleeh called his army together from the cities of Schaddbellee round about, a mighty host, to fall upon George the Mede suddenly; and destroy him. For the host of Unculpsalm was scattered, and weary by reason of its long marching; and Robbutleeh said, I shall fall upon it piecemeal, and grind it to powder.

15. And George the Mede saw that the battle drew nigh, and that the host of the Phiretahs was greater than the army of Unculpsalm, and that those were rested, and well fed and high hearted, because they had come together by short marches, and that they were puffed up with conceit of the might of their valor, and that these were weary and worn with the length of the way and with watching, and that they remembered how they had three times turned back before the sword of Robbutleeh.

16. So he made a proclamation to all the captains of his host, even the captains of hundreds and the captains of fifties, saying,

17. Speak unto the men, and say unto them, The hour of deliverance or of captivity is at hand. Choose ye, therefore, whether this nation shall be destroyed, or

whether it shall be saved by the might of your arms and the stoutness of your courage. Choose ye, whether ye will live or die for this land in honor, or die before your people in dishonor. For as I live, he that turneth his back this day, shall be slain by them of his own company. Behold, the hearts of all this people are stayed upon you, and ye fight each one of you for a thousand, for your fathers, and your brethren, and your wives, and your little ones. Be valiant, therefore, as ye have before been valiant, and ye shall be worthy of the victory.

18. But George the Mede promised them not the victory, neither boasted he of what he would accomplish.

19. And so it was, that as the men marched swiftly through the darkness before the dawn, they communed together with low voices in their ranks, and said one to another, Let us die together this day, my brother, but let us not turn back. And afterward they were silent, and their hearts went homeward, and they said within themselves, God help us, and this people.

20. And it came to pass, that as the vanguard of the army of George the Mede pressed forward, and got far before the main body, the host of the Phiretahs fell upon it in great numbers, and drove it back, and its captain was slain. But it fled not, but went backward fighting, so that the Phiretahs left pursuing. And they pitched a camp, and fortified it in the burial-ground of a city, called Gettingsburg.

21. For in the language of that land burg meaneth a city; and the men of this city were altogether occupied in getting, even in getting gelt, so that for the honor and the glory and the freedom of the land of Unculpsalm cared they nothing. Wherefore their city was called Gettingsburg.

22. Yet was there one man of Gettingsburg, a poor man, who took his weapons and went out to fight the Phiretahs.

23. And on the morrow, Robbutleeh set his army in battle array to attack the army of George the Mede before

it was well brought together. And about the fourth hour of the evening he came down upon the men of Unculpsalm with all his host, and fell furiously upon them, and there was great slaughter. And the men of Unculpsalm were outnumbered; yet fought they valiantly, and slew of their enemies more than there fell of themselves. And they went a little backward fighting, and the Phiretahs followed hard after.

24. Then came up succor, even a great company of the army of George the Mede, which had been marching all the night, and which now moved swiftly toward the noise of the battle. And they came up running, and went into the fight without halting. Then the men of Unculpsalm stood fast again, and drove the Phiretahs backward. And this was about the going down of the sun.

25. And the Phiretahs and the captains of the Tshivulree wondered, and said among themselves, Who is this George the Mede that he thus withstandeth the great Robbutleeh? and what men be these that do battle under him? Is this the host that was to flee like sheep before us? Yet they were not dismayed; for although they were boasters, yet were they valiant. And they looked anxiously for the morrow.

26. And early in the morning, while it was yet dawning, the host of the Phiretahs was set in battle array and marched quickly upon the host of Unculpsalm, even upon one wing thereof. For they said, So shall we crush them unawares. But the men of Unculpsalm fell back a little, fighting, and George the Mede sent them succor, and again they stood fast, and drove off the Phiretahs with great slaughter.

27. Then were the captains of the Phiretahs perplexed in their souls, and waxed very wroth. And one of them, a man of blood, who was possessed of the evil spirit Blustah, and which was called of the men of Jonbool Hew-hell, took an oath in the name of his god, and blasphemed

after the manner of the Phiretahs, and swore that he would break through the ranks of the men of Unculpsalm that day.

28. And Robbutleeh sent unto George the Mede, saying, Let there be peace between us for a time, that I may bury my dead and that we may exchange our prisoners.

29. And George the Mede sent back the messenger, saying, There cannot be peace between thee and me. For thy dead, I will bury them even as my own, and my men whom thou hast taken I mean to take from thee again. For he saw the craft of Robbutleeh, that he would have given up the battle and escaped, even as he had done aforetime with Litulmak.

30. Then was Robbutleeh astonished at the subtlety and at the boldness of George the Mede, and he addressed his army again to battle, for he saw that his case was desperate. And he set all his men in array with their banners, and marched them forward with pomp and great majesty, even as on a feast-day. In two ranks they marched, so that the second might finish the work which the first begun. For still they were confident and high-hearted.

31. And they went forward in order, terrible and beautiful, shouting as they went. But the men of Unculpsalm answered them not; for the footmen all lay flat upon the ground, and the horsemen and they that worked the great engines of fire, held their peace craftily.

32. And when the first ranks of the Phiretahs came near, the men of Unculpsalm rose and fell upon them; and the two fought together, but neither prevailed. Yet fell there more of the men of Unculpsalm, for they were outnumbered, and the Phiretahs were valiant and had waxed desperate.

33. Then came on the second ranks of the Phiretahs, running fiercely upon the remnant of the men of Unculpsalm, who fell where they stood in their ranks or went backward fighting. But so it was that when the Phiretahs

looked to fall upon the men of Unculpsalm and put them all to the sword, the engines of George the Mede poured out fire upon them, and out of the fire came thunders and bolts of iron that swept way the foremost of their second array, and of the residue some fled backward, and some threw themselves down upon the ground and gave themselves prisoners. For they saw that they could not pass into that fire and live. And they said one to another, Behold we be all dead men. And again this was about the going down of the sun.

34. And all the night George the Mede made ready to pursue the Phiretahs in the morning.

35. But when Robbutleeh looked upon the field he saw that the day was lost, and that if he tarried until the morning he would be destroyed and cut off. So he gathered his army together and fled in the night (for he was a wary man and a prudent); and in the morning the men of Unculpsalm found that their enemies had vanished away from before them.

36. Then they pursued the host of the Phiretahs, but they could not come up with them; for those had the start of these, and both alike were weary and suffering from the battle.

37. So the Phiretah captain who was called of the men of Jonbool Hew-hell, brake not through the ranks of the men of Unculpsalm, in spite of his oaths and his blasphemies, nor did he wait to receive from the men of Iawre the rest of the money and the corn and the unmentionable raiment, neither did he sojourn in the city which is called after the name of Hagar, the concubine of Abraham, but gat him out of it speedily. And George the Mede and the men of Unculpsalm pursued after him. And this was the end of his oaths and of his boasting and of his respecting of private property.

38. So Robbutleeh fled back again into the land of Pharjinnee.

CHAPTER IV.

1 *The victory is noised abroad.* 2 *The Kopur-hedds are dismayed.*
 7 *See More becometh Seemer.* 9 *The Kopur-hedds take counsel*
in their extremity. 10 *Assohkald Edditah.* 11 *Phernandiscud*
cometh not to the assembly. 27. *A day of fasting and prayer.*
 28 *Which pleaseth not Hiram the publican.* 29 *The king of the*
Pahlivoos. 36 *The Knsuvrutivs.* 40 *Knsuvrutiv rezzleooshns.*
 46. *Benjamin proposeth to sell Assokald Edditah.* 52. *The*
assembly cometh to naught. 54 *Ulysses taketh Wickedsburg.*
Nathaniel taketh another city. 71 *Wherefore Phernandiscud*
proposeth a new ministration of the Gospel of Peace.

1. AND on the next day, which was the fourth day of the seventh month, which was held as a solemn festival in memory of deliverance from the king of the land of Jonbool, this was noised throughout all the land of Unculpsalm.

2. And the Kopur-hedds were astonished and dismayed; but all the rest of the men of Unculpsalm, even of the Dinmichrats, rejoiced greatly. For they said, Behold the end of this war beginneth to appear; and now we see hope that this nation shall not be destroyed and brought to naught.

3. Likewise were even they of the merchants of Gotham and of Cooacre city, and of the new Athens which cared more for their gain than for the freedom and honor of their nation exceeding glad, and the noble army of Counteractors in the province of Schaddbellee which did continually praise Abraham, were triumphant, and the people of the city of Swine-sin-naughty gave themselves yet more unto the killing and eating of the unclean beast, and making ready for the armies of Unculpsalm to eat, until their faces shone and their eyes stood out with fatness.

4. And Augustus the money-changer and all they of the circumcision which were of his faction were wroth

and said, Behold the abomination which followeth the victories of the armies of Unculpsalm.

5. And likewise on that day the Kopur-hedds and certain other of the Dimmichrats were gathered together in the great hall of the men singers and women singers of Gotham, which sang unto the Gothamites music that they comprehended not, in a language that they understood not, that the Governor of the province might make a speech unto them.

6. And he spake unto them, and said many things, which indeed were one thing in many shapes, to wit, that Abraham and his counsellors were tyrants, that Clement and the others of his sort whom the officers of Abraham had taken in custody were martyrs, that the Phiretahs should be compromised unto, and that the land was the inheritance of the Dimmichrats. But he condemned not them who set at naught the Great Covenant by making war upon the rulers of the land, neither stirred he up any man to strive for the honor and the glory and the freedom of the land, nor spake he one word of cheer or of thankfulness for the victory of George the Mede which filled the land with joy on that great day of the nation.

7. And from that day because of his speech, and because he yet made great pretence of love unto the land of Unculpsalm, they that were not Kopur-hedds or Pahdees called him not See More or Say More, but Seemer. For they said, He would seem to be that which he is not.

8. Likewise also did Phernandiwud, and Benjamin the Scribe, and all the straitest of the sect of the new gospel of peace. For they said, He speaketh with us, yet he striveth also for the friendship of them who prefer war and the nation to peace and the everlasting Niggah. Behold he is a seemer and not a doer. Wherefore his name thereafter became Seemer.

9. And soon after the chief men of the Kopur-hedds met together in Gotham to see what they should do; for they

were in great extremity. And they came sorrowfully and with their countenances cast down, all of them. And they that were of this assembly were only they that had embraced the new gospel of peace.

10. And they suffered among them Assohkald Eddittah the scribe, who, to gain the World, had lost his own soul.

11. Now they suffered him to come among them because they had bought him to use him as they would, to publish their doctrine to the people of Gotham. For aforetime he had sought to make himself serviceable unto Abraham and his counsellors, but they regarded him not.

12. Wherefore he said unto the Kopur-hedds, Buy me, and I will serve you. And they bought him.

13. And Augustus the money-changer lent the money wherewithal to buy him. For he said, Mayhap the gospel of peace shall prevail throughout the land; and then may Assohkald Eddittah change his name, even as I have done, like unto my forefathers, and become Areel Eddittah. Then shall I own Areel Eddittah; and he shall write that which shall make a market for my moneys, and I shall receive mine own with usury. Thus was it that the chief men of the Kopur-hedds suffered Assohkald Eddittah among them.

14. But Phernandiwud came not into this assembly.

15. For there was variance between Phernandiwud and the men of Tammunee, and between Phernandiwud and some of the chief men of the Kopur-hedds. Because Phernandiwud had claimed for the men of his following the chief offices in the city of Gotham and in the province of Gotham.

16. And many had been given unto them, but he claimed yet the more. And of them that received the places many got only a part of the wages thereof. And when it was brought before the judges no man could tell what was become of the residue.

17. But the men of Tammunee said, Peradventure Pher-

nandiwud, he knoweth; for his walk is slantindicular. And when they said peradventure, they thrust the tongue into the cheek and pointed with the thumb over the left shoulder. For such is the manner of the men of Tamunnee.

18. Wherefore Phernandiwud came not into this assembly. Yet he was not cast down but rejoiced in secret; for he said, Behold there are but two ways in this matter; and the way of Abraham is one way, and my way is another. For he was a crafty man, and wise in his generation.

19. And when the chief men of the Kopur-hedds saw that they were all assembled, they shut to the door and sat down to take counsel together.

20. And each man turned to his neighbor and looked that he should have spoken. But no man spake; for their hearts were troubled and they were sorely perplexed. And silence fell upon them.

21. But after a long time the chief man among them arose and said, My brethren, our case is very desperate. Had the Lord pleased to defeat the army of George the Mede, we were prepared therefor, and could have meekly borne that dispensation.

22. In defeat we could have found some comfort; but what shall we do with a victory? And he sat down.

23. Then each man turned to his neighbor and said, What shall we do with a victory? But no man answered. And again great silence fell upon them; and they looked vainly each in the face of the other.

24. Then arose a scribe whose surname was Primus, (not he whose beard was like Aaron's, and who dwelt among the merchants,) and he opened his mouth and said,

25. For the wickedness and the iniquity of this people we do suffer victory this day, in that they have listened unto the ministers of Beelzebub, who preached deliverance to the captive, and have declared that no more of the land of Unculpsalm shall be blessed with slavery, and in the

perversity of their hearts and the wickedness of their imaginations have sought to take away the everlasting Niggah.

26. Yea, verily, and have gone after strange gods, honoring Charles the Summoner, rather than Prestenbrunx, and Philip of Athens rather than Isaiah the Hittite, who is a man of peace and who loveth free speech; and moreover have fought foolishly that their nation might not be destroyed, as it deserved to be for all their transgressions.

27. Wherefore let there be a day appointed of fasting, of humiliation, and of prayer, to make atonement for the sins of this people, and peradventure it shall be that their iniquity shall be forgiven, and that there shall no more grievous victories afflict the land.

28. And again there was silence for a little while, and then there was heard a voice, (and it was the voice of Hiram the publican,) saying, Let not the people fast, for it is unprofitable. Let there be humiliation and prayer; for after humiliation men need wine to make their hearts glad again; and he that prayeth thirsteth. But fasting is an oppression unto me, and moreover we shall offend them that sell meat in Gotham, and the people of Swine-sin-naughty, so that they shall turn away from Jeph and serve Abraham. So they consented not to this counsel.

29. Then arose another, who said, Can we not entreat the king of the Pahlivoos, Nah Pohlion, whom all the world feareth, to help us, even as he hath helped the people of Meesichoh? For he hath sent an army into Meesichoh, and he hath overcome the people of Meesichoh, and hath driven out the rulers whom they had chosen, and put to the sword all them that resisted him, and hath been gracious unto them, and given offices unto them that submitted to him and compromised themselves unto him.

30. Might we not then compromise ourselves unto him; and win him to enter our land with an army; and then might he join himself unto our friends the Phiretahs and

be victorious over the armies of Unculpsalm, and drive out the rulers which the men of Unculpsalm have chosen, even Abraham and his counsellors, and be gracious unto us, and give offices unto us, as it hath been in Mecsichoh, and so should we attain unto our hearts' desire.

31. But Elijah who smelleth the battle afar off in the tents of Tammunee answered and said, Thou speakest even as a fool speaketh. This people feareth not the king of the Pahlivoos; for the men of the land of Unculpsalm are not as the men of Mecsichoh.

32. Moreover they know that he is the nephew of his uncle, and that he hath sworn to do in all things even as his uncle. And did not his uncle bone a part of every land wherein he entered? Think ye that this people will suffer the king of the Pahlivoos to do this thing?

33. (Now to bone, being interpreted, is to rob, and to rob land is the speech of the men of Jonbool, to colonize, and in the speech of the men of Unculpsalm, though they be the same tongue, to annex.)

34. And Elijah spake thus; for because that he was not a Kopur-hedd. Yet they admitted him to their council; for he was a great man among the Dimmicrats, and they feared him.

35. Moreover they remembered the wrath of the people against them when they went privily unto the ambassador of the land of Jonbool that he might help them to bring about the ceasing of the war without the putting down of the rebellion. And they said, Alas! this may not be, and we cannot ask the king of the Pahlivoos to help our friends the Phiretahs with an army. For this people is a stiff-necked people, and daily more and more it is given over unto the accursed spirit Bak Bohn, so that it will not suffer the kings of other nations to help us. And our scribes must no more praise the doings of the king of the Pahlivoos in Mecsichoh, as they have done thus far, or we shall destroy our faction.

36. Then arose another which was a chief man among the sect which called themselves Knsuvvutivs.

37. Now the Knsuvvutivs were they, which when they had got into hot water, stayed there that they might not be scalded.

38. And there have been Knsuvvutivs from the beginning of the world, yea though they have all been scalded; and there shall be for ever; and they will remain in hot water and suffer no man to pluck them out thereof.

39. And this Knsuvvutiv opened his mouth and said, It is because this war is not waged according to the doctrine of the Knsuvvutivs that we are afflicted with this grievous victory this day, and because Abraham and his counsellors and the men of their inclining do continually struggle and strive to get out of hot water when they ought to remain quietly therein.

40. Now, therefore, let there be rezzleooshns issued according unto the doctrine of the Knsuvvutivs,

41. (For it was the custom of the men of Uneulpsalm when they were not sure that that which they desired was so, to declare solemnly that it was so; and this they called a rezzleooshn.)

42. And let the rezzleooshns be two. And let the first rezzleooshn be, That this people is a Knsuvvutiv people, and that the Knsuvvutivs are in favor of the war.

43. And let the second rezzleooshn be, That the Knsuvvutivs are opposed to all means of carrying on the war.

44. So shall the doctrine of the Knsuvvutivs prevail; and the war shall be conducted according to the doctrine of the Knsuvvutivs, and we shall remain in our hot water, and no more grievous victories shall afflict the land.

45. And this counsel was well pleasing unto the assembly; which being immediately filled with the spirit of Knsuvvutism, sat still and did nothing.

46. But Benjamin the scribe, the brother of Phernandi-wud, felt that he was in hot water, he and his faction; and

he was not yet sufficiently a Knsuvvutiv to remain therein. So he opened his mouth and said,

47. Behold this nation is in great peril of salvation, and the case is desperate, and something must be done. Let us therefore sell Assohkald Eddittah unto Abraham the honest and to his counsellors, and let him serve them and George the Mede even as he hath served Jeph the Repudiator and Robbutleeh, and mayhap this sore calamity may be averted.

48. And when Assohkald Eddittah heard that there was question of somebody buying him, he arose quickly and said, Yea, verily, let Abraham and his counsellors buy thy servant; for the case of this nation and of thy servant is desperate. Yet Augustus the money-changer, and Hiram the publican and Samuel, whose surname is Brinnz-maid, must be content to lose thereby. For because that his case is desperate thy servant will sell himself cheap, yea, even cheaper than he did aforetime.

49. Then Benjamin the scribe was wroth, and arose and said, How is this that thou wilt sell thyself cheaper? Didst thou not sell thy soul for promise of the World? Could less have been given or less have been received? (For he was a just man and a holy, and eschewed the World, the Flesh and the Devil.) Go to, now; have I not bought thee and sold thee, and do I not know thy value and thy price?

50. Then was Assokald Eddittah cast down, and shrank within himself. But Samuel, whose surname was Brinnz-maid (it was he who ministered unto the Phiretah woman and showed her the nakedness of the land), took compassion on him, and went to him, and said unto him, Be comforted. Thou canst not be sold again, for Abraham will not buy thee, neither will his counsellors, nor George the Mede. But thou shalt still be Assokald Eddittah, and mayhap thou mayest become Areel Eddittah; and thou shalt have thy wages.

51. And when he heard that he should have his wages he was comforted, and he thought that the calamity had passed away from the nation. But after that no man regarded him.

52. And it came to pass that after this assembly had continued a long while, and the Kopur-hedds had taken much counsel together, they came to no conclusion; for their devices slipped from them even as water slippeth through the fingers of him that dippeth it with his hand; and they were in sore perplexity. And they dissolved the assembly until another day, when they hoped that wisdom might show herself among them.

53. And when Phernandiwud heard thereof he rejoiced secretly; for he said, Behold, there are but two ways in this matter; and the way of Abraham the honest is one way, and the way of Phernandiwud, who walketh slant-indiculary, is the other way. And he knew that in the end they must admit him to their counsels.

54. Now at the time when Phernandiwud declared the new gospel of peace unto the men of Gotham one of Abraham's chief captains, whose name was Ulysses, but whom his soldiers had called Unculpsalm, because of the great service that he had done unto that land, had sat down before a city in the south, and was laying siege to it.

55. And the name of the city was Wickedsburg; for the people thereof were men of blood, and they passed their time in casting lots with dice for gold, and in boasting for gold on pieces of paper spotted with many colors, and in disembowelling each other with knives, and in slaying each other with shooting-irons.

56. And this city stood upon the great river of the land of Unculpsalm, which is called the Father of the Waters, so that ships could not go up or down that river unless they that dwelt in Wickedsburg suffered them.

57. And Ulysses, which was called Unculpsalm, had defeated the armies of the Phiretahs which withstood his

march to Wickedsburg, and had scattered them abroad, so that he marched up against the town, and he laid great siege thereto.

58. And the Phiretahs boasted that the city could not be taken, after their manner; and Ulysses took it, without boasting, after his manner. And this was also upon the fourth day of the seventh month, which was the solemn festival of the land of Unculpsalm.

59. And it came to pass, that on the day before that on which the Kopur-hedds had appointed for the assembling of themselves together again, news was brought to Gotham that Ulysses, who was surnamed Unculpsalm, had taken the city of Wickedsburg, and that the host of the Phiretahs therein, with their arms, and their engines of war, and all their spoil had fallen into his hands.

60. And again there was great rejoicing throughout all the land of Unculpsalm, save in the land of the Phiretahs, so that even the Kopur-hedds rejoiced with their lips because they feared the people; but in their hearts they were cast down and exceeding sorrowful.

61. And when the chief men of the Kopur-hedds assembled themselves together to take counsel as they had appointed, so it was that their lips were sealed again, and they sat silently looking upon each other, for they were in great extremity, and were at their wits' end. And after a time they arose and went out one after another, saying nothing.

62. And they appointed yet another day for their assembling. For they said, Peradventure some disaster may yet be vouchsafed unto us.

63. But it came to pass that before the day of this third assembling was come, another of the chief captains of Abraham, whose name was Nathaniel, had taken another city, which was upon the Father of the Waters, even the city which is called after the great river Hutzoon. And this was the last city which was held by the Phiretahs on the

banks of the Father of the Waters; so that after they were driven out thereof the ships of the men of Unculpsalm, even their ships of merchandise, and their ships of war, could go up and down that river through the whole breadth of the land of Unculpsalm.

64. And the news thereof came quickly unto the city of Gotham; and when the chief men of the Kopur-hedds assembled themselves together for the third time, they came as men having no hope.

65. And again they sat each man looking in the face of his neighbor, and they said nothing.

66. Then after they had sat a long while, suddenly there appeared among them Phernandiwud, who was not bidden unto their assembly. And they were astonished.

67. And Phernandiwud said unto them, Why sit ye here silent, doing nothing?

68. And looking up they could answer him but one word,

69. Knsuvvutiv.

70. Then said Phernandiwud, Give knsuvvutism unto Beelzebub. Ye cannot serve two masters (for he had searched the scriptures and found therein something more to his advantage): ye cannot be for the war and against the means of carrying on the war. Ye cannot serve Jeph and Abraham.

71. Go to, then: there needeth now a new ministration of the gospel of peace, and it shall not be wanting; even such a ministration as there hath not been before this day; a ministration unto which the ministrations of Prestenbruux unto Charles the Summoner, and of Isaiah the Hittite unto Philip of Athens, and my ministration unto the watchmen which be now the watchmen of Ken Edee, were as nothing; even as knsuvvutism. Go to. Do not the Pahdees govern Gotham?

72. And he turned and left the assembly. And they wist well what he meant, and they rejoiced in their hearts;

but they said, We wash our hands of this matter

73. Now even so did Pilate likewise wash his hands of that other matter.

74. For he also was a *knsuvvuttiv*.

CHAPTER V.

1 *How Seemer was made governor.* 2 *The Oueecnecs.* 8 *Abraham harkeneth unto Seemer.* 11 *And decreeth the lot.* 15 *The Kopur-hedds scribes stir up the people.* 22 *The Pahdecs and the schyndee.* 29 *They howl about giving wages unto the Niggah.* 30 *Ouaics.*

1. Now it came to pass that for a time before the Kopur-hedds set up Seemer for governor of the province of Gotham, the war in the land of Unculpsalm had languished; and it seemed as if the Tshivulree might prevail against the Iangkies, and the land of Unculpsalm might be divided, and its government brought to naught.

2. So that many which were not Kopur-hedds, but which wavered in their purpose, joined themselves unto the sect of the Oueecnecs; for so were they called which could not stand up like men to the work which was before them.

3. And Seemer saw this. Wherefore he said, Behold Abraham and his counsellors are slothful, and the land will be ruined because of their slothfulness. Why do they not send officers throughout the land, and let lots be cast for men to fill up the armies of Unculpsalm, that it may be done speedily, and that with a high hand and a mighty arm.

4. And the Kopur-hedds said, Yea, verily, Let the lot be cast, and let the men be taken. Behold Abraham and his counsellors are feeble. Let the war be waged with a high hand and a mighty arm.

5. But in all this they were crafty (for they were wise in their generation), and sought only to get the government into the hands of their faction. And they prospered for the time. For all of their own faction, and all of the sect of Oneecnees gave their voices for Seemer, so that he was made governor.

6. Now the Knsuvvuttivs forgot nothing, neither learned they anything; wherefore it was that they remained in hot water lest they might be scalded.

7. And Abraham remembered how it had been with rulers, which were Knsuvvuttivs, in the olden time, how they had either brought their nation to ruin or themselves; and how two rulers, kings, even the king of the land of Jonbool, before it became the land of Jonbool, and while the men of Unculpsalm, even the Iangkies, dwelt therein, and the king of the land of the Pahlivoos, which were good men, but Knsuvvuttivs, and forgot nothing, neither learned anything, but got themselves into hot water and remained therein lest they should be scalded, were solemnly beheaded for their Knsuvvuttism.

8. And Abraham considered the matter in his heart, and he said within himself, The wise man remembereth the teachings of the past, but he turneth not away from the cry of the present; neither stoppeth he his ears against the chiding of his adversary, for it may profit him. So, although Abraham was not numbered among the Knsuvvuttivs, he hearkened unto their counsels.

9. Now there were others, chief men of the Dimmi-chrats, which did likewise. And these were Benbuttlah, who first discovered that the everlasting Niggah was contraband; (Now, contraband, in the language of all the gentiles, is everything which doeth harm unto him that maketh war, and helpeth his enemy to war upon him;) and Daniel, surnamed Scripturdie, because he searched the Scripture, not to find something to his advantage, but that he might expound them unto the people; and Jembray

Dee, a great lawyer of Gotham, who would take no office, and who was the son of a Pahdee. (Now there be no better men than the sons of Pahdees that are born and bred in the land of Unculpsalm.) Likewise were there many others of this sort among the Dimmichrats.

10. And Abraham said, Let the lot be east who shall serve in the armies of Unculpsalm. And, whereas, by them of olden time, even by Moses it was said that only he who had taken a wife should not go to war, let now every man who is the only son of a widow, and who is the only support of his wife and his little ones, and every man whose going shall be a hardship and a calamity, save that which men ought to bear, not be taken.

11. And if any man's heart fail him, or if his business demand him, let him pay another that he may go in his place; let it be declared that whosoever, upon whom the lot falleth, and who will pay into the treasury three hundred pieces of silver, shall have another provided for him to go to the war in his place; for so shall the extortioners not grind the faces of them that be both poor and faint hearted.

12. Now when Phernandiwud heard that this was done, he rejoiced greatly. For he said, Abraham hath again ministered occasion unto us; and this occasion is even better than that when he gave us Clement for a martyr.

13. For Clement hath made little for us by his martyrdom.

14. And immediately Phernandiwud, and Benjamin his brother, and James the Scribe, and Erastus his brother, and Primus the Scribe, and Assokald Edditah, being bidden thereunto by his owners, and all the Scribes and the orators of the Kopur-hedds throughout the land of Unculpsalm, forgetting the counsel of Seemer, and that they did declare the same, did set themselves to stir up the people against the lot.

15. For they said, Thus shall we hinder Abraham and

his counsellors in their government, and thus shall we stop the war, so that no more grievous victories shall afflict the land, and the armies of Unculpsalm shall be driven from the field, and the gospel of peace shall prevail, and the land shall be divided, and the nation destroyed, so that we can build it up again, and its foundation shall be the everlasting Niggah, who endureth from generation to generation.

16. And openly they declared against the lot, because, as they said, it was contrary to the Great Covenant.

17. For, in the land of Unculpsalm, whatever a man was loth to do he would say was not according to the Great Covenant; so that men began to hope that it might be found contrary to the Great Covenant for the husband to walk up and down with a child that crieth in the night. (For such was the custom in that land.) Wherefore the children would have been suffered to cry until the judges had delivered judgment, but that the women had whereof to say about that matter.

18. But in secret the Kopur-hedds said unto the poor men, Behold, Abraham lieth in wait for the blood of the poor. For the rich man who can pay three hundred pieces of silver need not go to the war; but the poor man, who cannot pay, must go if the lot fall upon him. Saying not that every man must serve God and his country according to his ability.

19. And to the rich they said, The three hundred pieces of silver will not be paid to the men who go into the army in your places, but even unto that other army, the noble army of Counteractors which do continually praise Abraham.

20. Thus the Kopur-hedds made confusion, and stirred up the people to murmur throughout the land; but chiefly in the city of Gotham, which was governed by the Pahdees, the followers of Phernandiwud.

21. Now the Pahdees are ready to fight, and they love

fighting for fighting's sake; and so do not the Iangkies, which do never fight, save against oppression and for righteousness' sake.

22. And the Pahdees do like best that fight which is called schyndee. (Now a schyndee is when each man breaketh the head of his neighbor and asketh no questions.) And without schyndees the Pahdee pineth away and life is a burden unto him.

23. But before the beginning of the war the Pahdees of Gotham had been almost altogether deprived of schyndees by reason of the straitness of Ken Edee and his watchmen.

24. And when the war began, besides that many of them stood idle and had neither work nor wages, they all thought that the war would be like unto a great schyndee, even great enough to make up unto them the loss of all the schyndees whereof they had been deprived by the watchmen of Gotham. So they went many of them to the war; but after a season they came home, and having been filled with fighting for a time, and finding both work and wages, they returned not again, but gave themselves to governing Gotham.

25. Now when the decree went forth that the lot should be cast, Phernandiwnd and the chief of his disciples who were apostles of the new gospel of peace went among the Pahdees and said unto them,

26. What is this that Abraham and his counsellors would do unto you? They are tyrants and would take away your rights and your privileges. For is it not the right and the privilege of the Pahdees to come from a land of famine and oppression unto the land of Unculpalm, which is a land of plenty and of freedom, and to be paid for their labor four-fold what they received aforetime, and while the bog is yet upon their feet to become rulers in that land, and to take unto themselves all the benefits for which the Iangkies have done battle and sat in council, and to have fat offices, and above all, to rule in Gotham?

27. Wherefore, then, goeth forth this decree from Abraham and his counsellors, that the lot shall be cast in Gotham, where be many Pahdees, even a great number like unto the locusts for multitude, save that Abraham thirsteth for the blood of the Pahdees, and would take them away from ruling Gotham, and deliver the city into the hands of the Iangkies, which have no right therein, and unto men who would take away the everlasting Niggah and let him go a free man over the land, and get both work and wages?

28. And when the Pahdees heard of giving wages unto the Niggah they all howled with an exceeding long and piercing howl. For the Pahdees do hate the Niggahs; and for them to hear that the Niggah is to have wages like unto them is an exceeding sore affliction. So they howled with a howling like unto that of a ouaic.

29. Now in the tongue of the Pahdees a ouaic is a gathering together by night over the body of a dead Pah-dee. And forasmuch as it is one of their solemn ceremonies, they do pour out drink offerings, and also make sacrifices. For after they have well poured out drink offerings they do have a schyndee and slay one of their number as a sacrifice for him that is dead. And then straightway there is another ouaic over him that is slain; and so on forever, so that each ouaic produceth another; and thus the howling of the ouaic and the pouring out of drink offerings and the schyndee never cease throughout the country of the Pahdees.

30. And Phernandiwud and the scribes and orators of the Kopur-hedds did continually day by day thus stir up the Pahdees and all them of the baser sort among the men of Gotham.

CHAPTER VI.

1 The Pahdees and the Bihdees declare against the lot. 3 Seemer seeketh to stay the lot. 5 But Abraham refuseth. 8 The Pahdees begin the ministration of the Gospel of Peace, and make schyndees. 12 And stand by the Great Covenant. 21 One of the Tshivulree smelleth the smell of burnt Niggah. 23 And becometh gracious. 57 Seemer cometh. 60 The Pahdees set him at naught. 61 The Pleece. 63 The reasons of the ministration.

1. Now when the day of the casting of the lot drew nigh the Pahdees and the Bihdees (for so were called the women of the Pahdees which were maid servants unto the Iangkies) declared that they would not suffer the lot, but would make a great schyndee, and that in this they would do the will of Seemer, whom they called Say More, and of Phernandiwud.

2. But the Iangkies heeded them not, saying, This is all bhlahknee, which being interpreted is bungecome. For the bhlahknee of the Pahdees is the bungecome of the Iangkies.

3. But Seemer was told of this thing in such manner that he knew it to be true. And he took no means to prevent the Pahdees, neither did he summon any of the soldiers of the province back to Gotham. But he sent one of his officers unto Abraham and unto his counsellors, saying,

4. Behold now the Pahdees will resist the lot. Let it therefore be stopped until the judges can say whether it is according to the Great Covenant.

5. But Abraham answered him and said, Hear me, Seemer. This nation standeth up to the lips in hot water, and the pot hath been heating now these thirty years; and as I live, this nation shall no longer remain in hot water without striving to get out thereof, because it is not according

to Knsuvvutism. Let the judges deem; but let the lot go forward.

6. So the lot went forward. And Seemer washed his hands; for like Pilate he also was a Knsuvvutiv.

7. Now the first day of the casting of the lot was the seventh day of the week: wherefore the Pahdees refrained themselves, lest Augustus and they of the circumcision should be offended. And the day after was the Sabbath of the Gentiles.

8. But on the next day, even on the second day of the week, certain of the Pahdees gathered themselves together about the eleventh hour. and fell upon the officers which cast the lots, and drove them out of the house wherein they were, and destroyed their writings, and set the house on fire. And they beat the watchmen of Ken Edee which were sent against them (for the watchmen were but an handful), and went about the streets armed with clubs and staves, shouting and making schyndees.

9. And straightway the whole city near the quarters where the Pahdees dwelt, which was called Ashantee, was in an uproar.

10. And the tumult grew and spread throughout Gotham among the Pahdees. But of the Iangkies only a few of the baser sort of the Hittites and the Hammerites joined therein. Yet did certain of the Kopur-hedds inflame the Pahdees with their words.

11. And Ken Edee went to see what the tumult was. And the Pahdees said, Lo, this enemy of Phernandiwud cometh, and he that stoppeth schyndees is delivered into our hands. Let us slay him therefore; for we stand by the Great Covenant. And they beat him nigh unto death.

12. And they were more and more inflamed by their own doings, and by the orations of the Kopur-hedds. And they began to shout for Jeph the Repudiator and to sack and to burn the city. For they stood by the Great Covenant.

13. And they entered into the houses of the officers of Abraham and the houses of the rich men, men of Belial, which strove to set the Niggah free and to pay him wages for his labor, even as the Pahdees were paid; and they took the household stuff and the furniture, and cast it into the street, and some they carried off, and they burned the houses. For they stood by the Great Covenant.

14. And foaming in anger against the Niggahs, lest they should be set free and get wages, they fell upon them which were already free in Gotham, and some they beat, and some they hanged, and some they slew, and some of the bodies of them that they slew they burned while the breath was yet in them. For they stood by the Great Covenant.

15. And they drave the Niggahs out of their houses and set them on fire. For they stood by the Great Covenant.

16. And they went in the night and set on fire an alms house for little Niggahs which were orphans, and turned them, half naked, out into the darkness; for they said, Lest they become men and receive wages for their labor. For they stood by the Great Covenant.

17. And some Niggahs they cast into the water, and some into the fire; and they slew the child in the arms of his mother. For they stood by the Great Covenant.

18. And they robbed in the highways of Gotham, even in every part thereof; and they cast stones into the houses of the scribes that taught not the gospel of peace and the everlasting Niggah. For they stood by the Great Covenant.

19. And they fought against the officers of Uneulpsalm, and slew some of them; and the Pahdee women, even the Bihdees, did cut them that were slain with knives, even as they did the Niggah men, so that they could not come into the congregation. For they stood by the Great Covenant.

20. And it came to pass that a man of the Tshivulree sat in the house of Hiram the publican; and certain Phlun-

kees were there also, compromising themselves unto him.

21. And the man said, Behold, I do smell a smell as of wool burning, a smell as of the land of the Ephephees, and the land of Diksee, which is the home of Tshivulree, and it is sweet unto my nostrils.

22. And the Phlunkees, which were Kopur-hedds, bowed themselves down before him, and compromised unto him, and said, Yea, verily, thy servants are burning Niggahs that it may be pleasant unto my lord, to show their good will unto my lord, and that my lord may see that the home of Tshivulree is coming northward.

23. And he said, Is it even so? It is well. And if ye will indeed offer up the Free Niggah unto us as a burnt offering, an offering of a sweet savor, behold we may accept you and be gracious unto you, and when we do smell the smell of the burnt Niggah, we may no longer hold our noses when ye do bow yourselves down unto us, and speak unto us, and sell us your merchandise. And if ye continue in well doing, and will buy and sell the Niggahs, and make them your hewers of wood and drawers of water forever, and beat them with stripes, and roast them with fire, and get sons and daughters of their women and sell them for bondsmen and bondswomen, and if ye will persecute the men of Belial who say, Do ye unto all men as ye would have all men do unto you, and will beat them, and hang them, and roast them with fire, and pour hot pitch upon them, and ride them upon sharp beams, very grievous to bestride, and make this country like unto the land of Diksee, the home of Tshivulree,

24. Behold then we may be yet more gracious unto you, and come into your provinces and take them and rule them and you.

25. And the Phlunkees which were Kopur-hedds bowed themselves down again, and compromised themselves yet

the more, and said, Be it unto thy servants even as thou wilt.

26. Now when Seemer had sent his officer to Abraham because he knew that there would be a tumult, he remained not in Gotham, but went down to the seaside.

27. And when the tumult broke out they sent for him; but he came not. But on the second day even the Kopurhedds sent unto him, saying, Come over and help us ere we be destroyed. And he came.

28. But the Pahdees, although they were slaying and burning and destroying, fled not from before his face although he was governor of the province, whose office it was to execute judgment upon transgressors. But when they saw him they thronged upon him, and shouted welcome unto him. And he spake unto them and compromised himself unto them, and said unto them,

29. Hear me, O my friends. I mean that the wrongs which ye do suffer in being made to bear your part of the burdens of the land of Unculpsalm, and to obey the laws thereof, shall be abated. And I have sent an officer to demand that the law against which you have made this tumult shall not be enforced. But my friends, I beg you, O my noble friends, I do entreat you, that ye will respect private property (for do not our noble friends the Tshivulree, whom we all serve this day, respect private property?) else I cannot deliver you from your oppression.

30. Yet on the morrow he issued a proclamation to the people that they should obey the laws of the province. But he said nothing about the laws of Unculpsalm. But the Pahdees regarded not his proclamation, and went on with their schyndee.

31. Now the watchmen of Ken Edee, which were called Pleece, which were valiant men and goodly to look upon, and which found favor in the eyes of the women of Gotham, fought stoutly under the lieutenant of Ken Edee whose name was Kahpen Turr. Likewise also did a handful

of the soldiers of Unculpsalm. So that in three days the tumult began to abate.

32. And it came to pass that a man in Gotham met some of the Pahdees, and they suffered him to talk to them.

33. And he asked them, Why do ye fight the Pleece? And they answered and said, Because the Pleece began the riot by withstanding us when we would have driven out the officers who cast the lots against us. For if we may but do our own will, we indeed would trouble no man.

34. And he asked them, Why do ye slay the officers of Unculpsalm? And they answered and said, Because they turn their swords upon the people. For have not the scribes of the Kopur-hedds and the Phlunkees and the Oueecnees told you that we are the people?

35. And again he asked them, But why do ye slay the Niggahs, which are meek and lowly, and withstand no man, but flee before you? And they said unto him,

36. Confess now, is not the Niggah the cause of the war? And he said, Yea, verily. And they answered him, Behold thou hast said it. We slay the Niggah because he is the cause of the war, and we are apostles of the new gospel of peace, which we do minister unto you with fire and sword this day.

37. And if the Niggah chooseth to submit, he hath the right to submit. For we have vowed a vow that no man shall fight against his will; and this is the right of the Niggah under the Great Covenant. And if he resisteth, then all the more will we put him to death. For we stand by the Great Covenant.

38. And after five days the tumult was ended. But for five days there were murderings and burnings and destruction. And the smoke of that city went up day and night like the smoke of a furnace; and the air was filled with groanings, and with the cry of women and of children to whom was ministered the new gospel of peace.

39. And it was a great ministration; and the like had not been in that land, neither shall be. For if men see not their wickedness and turn not from the error of their ways through such ministration, how shall they be converted?

CHAPTER VII.

1 Craftiness of Phernandiwud. 4 He endeavoreth to stay the zeal of the Pahdees. 9 But cannot. 11 Seemer is discomfited. 14 Tshawlstn. 18 Gil Moah. 20 Destroyeth the great fort of Tshawlstn. 23 The spirit of the Great Futher of the land filleth the hearts of the men of Unculpsalm.

1. Now in all this the Pahdees did the will of their master Phernandiwud, the great apostle of the new gospel of peace.

2. But he appeared not in the matter, nor was he heard of in Gotham during the ministration; for he was a subtle man and a crafty, and his walk was slantindicular.

3. So that Elijah who smelleth the battle afar off in the tents of Tammunee, and whose walk is straight forward, said, What manner of man is this Phernandiwud, that he raiseth such a tumult among the people, and then straightway taketh himself into the wilderness, where no man can find him?

4. And Phernandiwud was not well pleased with his followers the Pahdees, and he said unto their ringleaders, (for although he appeared not he held communication with them), What mean ye that ye act thus without discretion? What ye do is well; but ye do too much thereof; and by your over-much zeal ye bring reproach upon the gospel of peace among a people which is yet in the darkness of a false dispensation.

5. It is meet and right that the officers of Abraham

should be slain, and the Niggahs hanged and burned, and they despoiled who would set them free and pay them wages, and that men should be put in terror of the mystery of the new gospel, which yet they comprehend not. For we stand by the Great Covenant. But the time is not yet come.

6. Cease, therefore, to slay the officers of Abraham, and to hang and burn the Niggahs, and to lay waste the city. But continue to withstand the lot, which only I meant that ye should do ; that from the province of Gotham, and from all the other provinces, there should go no more men into the armies of Unculpsalm, and so the war might cease without the putting down of the rebellion.

7. For in this Seemer would have helped us. But now by your overmuch zeal ye have compelled him to declare himself against us, though in heart he is with us. Cease, now, therefore, to slay, to hang and to burn any more than is prudent, or ye will hinder the propagation of the new gospel of peace. Have ye not read how it is written, The zeal of thy house hath eaten me up ?

8. (For again, as in his business with Marahvine, he had searched the scripture that he might find something to his advantage.)

9. Now this was on the second day of the ministration. But the Pahdees then would not heed the words of Phernandiwud, and went on with their slaying and their hanging and their burning.

10. Then did Phernandiwud and the Kopur-hedds see that again their case was desperate, and that seeking to let out a little water, they had opened the floodgates, and could not close them again. Wherefore they gave up this matter, and the watchmen of Ken Edee, even the Pleece, and the soldiers of Unculpsalm took possession of the city of Gotham, and then all men, even the Niggahs, slept in peace, and ate their bread in quietness.

11. Nevertheless, Seemer and all them that were dis-

ciples of the new gospel of peace, and which said that no man, not even the Niggah, should be made to fight, declared that they would resist the lot by the law, and that they would do by the judges that which they had failed to accomplish through the overmuch zeal of the Pahdees.

12. But they could not, for they found that their own judges whom they glorified, and who expounded the Great Covenant only as a great compromising, which should endure forever, had declared against them, and that the law of Unculpsalm was supreme in the land.

13. So the lot was cast, and the men taken, and the war was not hindered. And the armies of Unculpsalm moved forward. And in the west they marched into the heart of the land of Diksee, and the army of the Phiretah captain in that country, who was surnamed the Braggart, fell back before them.

14. Now upon the south-eastern coast of the land of Diksee, on the shore of the great sea, as thou goest down unto Joarji where Robert dwelt among the tombs, was a little city, which they who dwelt therein called Tshawlstu, which was full of Phiretahs. And the people thereof did nothing and thought of nothing but to be Tshivulree. And being mere cumberers of the ground, and doing nothing but be Tshivulree, they yet were eaten up with conceit of themselves and their glory; and they boasted more than any other of the boasters south of the border of Masumandiesun; and their only boast was that they were the real Tshivulree. Wherefore even in the land of Diksee men laughed them to scorn.

15. And as the people thereof did nothing but boast and be Tshivulree, Tshawlstu fell into decay, and year by year as it decayed, it became more and more stiff-necked and rebellious. And it was in Tshawlstu that the men of the South first rose up against the government of Unculpsalm; and it was from the fort before the city, which guarded the passage to the sea, that the Phiretahs, with

an army of five thousand men, drove out one of the captains of Unculpsalm, with a band of ninety at the beginning of this war.

16. Wherefore, although the men of the North hated not the men of the South as the men of the South hated them, yet their anger was hot against Tshawlstn, and they sought to crush it as men crush the cockatrice's den. For they said, It is the nest of the rebellion. And thus did all them throughout the land of Diksee which had respect unto the government of Unculpsalm, according to the Great Covenant, and longed to see the banner of Unculpsalm, under which their fathers had fought, again in triumph in their land.

17. And the armies of Unculpsalm laid siege to Tshawlstn, and to the great fort which stood before it guarding the passage to the sea. But the Phiretahs had made the place strong by casting up mounds and building other forts, so that it resisted long and stoutly. And three captains had sat down before it in vain.

18. Then Abraham sent against it a captain whose name was Gil Moah. And he was a young man, but he was cunning to fight with great engines of war; and he had taken and destroyed another strong fort which the Phiretahs had wrested from the government of Unculpsalm.

19. And Gil Moah sat down before Tshawlstn, and cast up banks against the forts around it, and took some of them, and set up great engines of war, very mighty and very marvellous, the like of which had not been seen before in any land.

20. And he drave the Tshivulree out of the strong places which were before the great fort; and he set up his engines against that fort, and he battered it to ruins. Moreover he turned his engines against Tshawlstn, and threw iron balls into the city, and fire that ran along the ground and could not be extinguished.

21. Whereat the Phiretahs were in great indignation;

for they said, that according to the laws of Tshivulree, even their laws, Gil Moah should throw fire which could be extinguished. But he answered them that, he came not to obey their laws, but to compel them to obey the laws of Unculpsalm, and that he did not throw the fire only that it might be put out.

22. And when the news went about that Gil Moah had destroyed the great fort of Tshawlstn, the men of Unculpsalm heard thereof with solemn joy.

23. And it came to pass that immediately the spirit of the Great Father of that nation, even he who was first in peace and first in war among that people, descended and filled the hearts of all of them, saying unto them,

24. Hear me, my children, and give ear unto me ye who are the only fruit of my being. The first triumph of treason is brought low by the power which I nourished; and before the banner which ye first uplifted by my hands the stronghold of iniquity is fallen.

25. Now, when ye do receive the same, and it is delivered into your hands, ye shall in no wise rebuild it. Ye shall not suffer one stone to be laid again upon another.

26. But it shall remain before your eyes a heap and a desolation from generation to generation, to be a sign and a memorial unto you, and unto your children, and your children's children forever.

27. And it shall come to pass, that when your sons and your daughters say unto you, What are these stones, and wherefore are these ruins? that ye shall answer unto them,

28. Thus shall it be unto all them which seek the destruction of the land that doeth justice and loveth mercy, and that dealeth righteously without respect of persons, and giveth freedom unto all them that dwell therein.

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1. In the days when Abraham ruled the land of Unculpsalm, there came a man into the city of Gotham whose name was Pshawdee.

2. And Pshawdee was of the noble army of the Counter-actors which did continually praise Abraham.

3. But in the days of Phranklinn and of James whose surname was Facing-both-ways, he was of the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats.

4. And it came to pass that in the third year of the war in the land of Unculpsalm Pshawdee was a rich man like unto Dives for richness; because that in the days of James who faced both ways, he had joined himself unto the Schynmurs who go to and fro in Ouahl-streate, and afterwards he had gone down the river of the debtors, even the Oh-I-owe, which leadeth unto the country of the Repudiators.

5. For he would neither pay the debts that he owed nor acknowledge them, and ask them to be forgiven him. Wherefore it was that he went unto the country of the Repudiators, and afterward became a rich man like unto Dives in the city of Gotham.

6. Now these are the generations of Pshawdee.

7. There came a man from the land of Jonbool into the land of Unculpsalm whose name was Psnawb. And he was a Phlunkee.

8. And he dwelt in the northern part of the land, and so-journed in a town which was by the sea-side, and which the people thereof thought was the centre of the earth, and the chief city in the land of Unculpsalm. Wherefore they called it Boss-town; for boss, being interpreted, is master. The same is that which by the scribes among them was called the new Athens.

9. And Psnawb took to wife a woman of the Pahdees (for there were Pahdees in Boss-town), even a Bihdee. And she was fruitful, after the manner of the Bihdees, and bore him sons and daughters.

10. But the names of none of them are written, except the name of his first-born, Peddullah. And Peddullah was the father of all them that went to and fro in the land of Unculpsalm, from the country of the Iangkies even unto the country of the Tshivulree, carrying merchandise and getting gain.

11. And Peddullah took unto himself a wife of the Meenonites which dwelt in the country of the Tshivulree, but which were poor, and had no niggahs, and were scorned of the Tshivulree. And when he had brought her northward into the land of the Iangkies she conceived and bare him a son, and she called his name Rheet Aylah; for, she said, he shall not go to and fro like his father, but shall dwell in one place, and he shall increase in substance.

12. And Rheet Aylah went and dwelt in Gotham. But in the beginning he did not prosper; and he looked and said, Behold, it is because I am a stranger, and without friends and acquaintance.

13. So he went unto one of the wise men of Gotham, and asked him, saying, How shall I make unto myself friends and acquaintances among the Gothamites? And the wise man answered him and said, "Join thyself either unto the Pharisees or unto the Phyar-men.

14. And Rheet Aylah considered the matter, and when he saw that the Phyarinen were bold, and that they toiled and slept not, and were familiar with danger, he joined himself unto the Pharisees.

15. And he took unto himself a wife of the women of Gotham, whose father was a Pharisee. And straightway he began to prosper and increase in substance. And Rheet Aylah's wife conceived and bare a son, and call his name Jobbah.

16. And Jobbah sold merchandise unto the sons of Peddullah, his grandfather. But he despised them, although they were his near kinsmen. And he despised his father also. For he said within himself, They are Peddullahs and the sons of a Peddullah, and am I not Jobbah?

17. And Jobbah also sold merchandise unto merchants in the land of Tshivulree, and some of them often paid him not for a long season. And he went southward into their country, even the country which lieth southward of the border of Masunandiesun, to ask of them the money which they owed him.

18. And while he was in the country of the Tshivulree he took to wife a daughter of one of the Meenouites who had gathered a little substance, and had bought unto himself some Niggahs. For in the land of Tshivulree when a Meenouite became rich, he went straightway and bought a Niggah, saying, Thus shall I no longer be a Meenouite, but Tshivulree. And it was so that when a Meenouite had bought many Niggahs, he was Tshivulree.

19. And Jobbah's wife conceived and bare a son, and she called his name Holz Ayl. For, she said, he shall be greater than his father.

20. And Holz Ayl dwelt in Gotham and waxed rich year by year. And he took to wife a Gothamite woman; and she bore him a son, and called his name Kaudphyssh. And Kaudphyssh dwelt in Gotham, and did merchandise there, and became exceeding rich; but after a little while he ceased making merchandise, and became a money-changer.

21. And Kaudphyssh went southward, and took to wife a daughter of one of the Tshivulree, and her brother took to wife Kaudphyssh's sister. Then Kaudphyssh said within himself, Lo, I am Tshivulree; and he worshipped the Great Covenant, and watched day and night over the everlasting Niggah.

22. And Kaudphyssh said, Behold, I am as a prince in this country; for could not I buy a house full of princes such as there be among the Tytchmen? Therefore will I live like unto a prince. Then Kaudphyssh builded him a great house like unto a palace, and the ceilings thereof were covered with gold and with many colors, and it was adorned with curious wood within and without; and he fared sumptuously every day, and had men servants and women servants, and horses and chariots; and his wives and his daughters were clothed in silken raiment of many colors, and in fine twined linen, like unto the spider's web, and in jewels and precious stones. And they went oftentimes and sat in a pulpit in the great hall of the men-singers and women-singers of Gotham; and when these sang the music that they comprehended not in a language that they understood not, they clapped their hands and shouted with exceeding joy.

23. And Kaudphyssh made great feasts and suppers, with music and dancing, and when he made the feasts he bade not only his friends and acquaintance, but strangers, that his house might be full; so that it seemed as if he had sent out into the streets and the lanes and had called in all except the hungry, the halt, and the blind.

24. (For in Gotham no rich man gave a feast with music and dancing, unless he bade so many guests that they could neither talk, nor eat, nor hear music, nor dance comfortably. And because every man, if he was not rich, would be thought rich, this was always the manner of feasting in Gotham.)

25. And Kaudphyssh went, he and his sons and his daughters, beyond the sea, to the land of Jonbool, and the land of the Pahlivoos; and they lived in the chief city of the Pahl-

voos two years, and gave feasts unto the princes and the nobles of the Pahlivoos, who ate their feasts, and laughed within themselves. And they went to the court of the king of the Pahlivoos, and were so filled with the glory of that land when they returned to their own land, even to the land of Unculpsalm, there was not an end of their Pahlivooing.

26. Now, the wife of Kaudphyssh had a hand-maiden which was a Bihdee, yet was she fair to look upon. And Kaudphyssh saw that she was comely; and he said within himself, O that this land were a patriarchal land, even like unto the land of the Ephephvees, and the country round about Tshawlstu! for then would my wife own this hand-maiden, and she would give her unto me to be my concubine, even as Rachel and Leah gave their hand-maidens unto Jacob. But this land is fallen away from the faith of the patriarchs, in that we own not our servants, and our wives give us not their hand-maidens to be our concubines.

27. But as to this woman, mayhap I can persuade her. And he persuaded her. And she bore him a son; and she called his name Pshawdee; for she said, He is not the true thing, yet is he like unto it.

28. These therefore are the generations of Pshawdee.

29. Psnawb, who came from the land of Jonbool, begat Peddullah;

30. And Peddullah begat Rheet Aylah;

31. And Rheet Aylah begat Jobbah;

32. And Jobbah begat Holz Ayl;

33. And Holz Ayl begat Kaudphyssh;

34. And Kandphyssh begat Pshawdee, of the Pahdee woman, which was his concubine.

35. And after these things the riches of Kaudphyssh vanished away, and he became poor, and was no more counted among the great men of Gotham. But he hid some money from his creditors, and went down the river of the debtors, the Oh-I-owe, unto the country of the Repudiators; and they welcomed him.

36. And he bought there some Niggahs with the money

that he had hidden, and he lived upon the wages that were paid to him for their labor ; and so at the last he *was* Tshivulree.

CHAPTER II.

1 *Pughtammug.* 3 *Pshawdee serveth in Pughtammug.* 8 *He setteth up a pour-the-rows.* 15 *Maketh a Covenant with Phernandiwood.* 16 *Becometh a Councillor of Gotham.* 20 *Ouahlstreate.* 22 *Pshawdee prepareth akkawnah.* 29 *Becometh a Counteractor.* 31 *And is exceeding rich.* 33 *Tiphphunnee.*

1. Now Pshawdee was twelve years old when his father went down the river Oh-I-owe. And he saw him no more.

2. And Pshawdee's mother's brother was a servant in the house called Pughtammug, wherein the men of the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats poured out drink-offerings unto Tammunee.

3. And she said unto her brother, Cause, now, my son Pshawdee to be taken with thee into the house called Pughtammug, that he may serve there. And he did so. And Pshawdee served there day and night for eight years.

4. And there came there daily Pahdees which were rulers in the city of Gotham. And Pshawdee served them as they poured out their drink-offerings ; and he hearkened unto them as they talked one with another.

5. And as he hearkened he considered what they said, and he saw that the way to become a ruler in Gotham was to be a Pahdee, and to set up a house wherein men might pour out drink-offerings unto Tammunee. And these houses were the synagogues of the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats, and they were called of the Pahdees pour-the-rowses.

6. But they called the drink-offering which was chiefly poured out in them, jinnanshugger.

7. And Pshawdee said within himself, Behold, now may I not be a ruler in Gotham. For am not I almost as good as a

Pahdee? For my mother was a woman of the Pahdees, and I should have been not almost, but altogether a Pahdee if she had not come into this country. Is it my fault that I was born in the land of Uculpsalm, and in the city of Gotham?

8. So Pshawdee saved the greater part of his wages, and set himself diligently to learn the art and mystery of making and pouring out drink-offerings; and when he was twenty-one year's old, he took the money that he had saved, and other money that he borrowed, and he set up a pour-the-rows, and himself he set up to be a teacher of the doctrines of the Dimmichrats.

9. And the Pahdees frequented the pour-the-rows of Pshawdee. And Pshawdee sold unto them drink-offerings, and preached unto them the doctrines of the Dimmichrats according to the sect of Smalphri in Gotham; and he taught them day and night, mingling his ministrations of doctrine and jinnanshugger, so that in the end they to whom he ministered could not tell the one from the other.

10. So Pshawdee began to increase in substance and to have disciples among the Pahdees; and he himself was one of the disciples of Phernandiwud.

11. And it came to pass that a little time before Phernandiwud was made chief ruler of Gotham, even before the voices of the people were numbered, that Phernandiwud said unto Pshawdee, how many men follow thee and will give their voices as thou biddest? And Pshawdee said, Five hundred. And Phernandiwud said, What shall I promise thee that they may give their voices for me to be chief ruler of the city.

12. And Pshawdee said, Thou shalt write my name upon the roll of them that are to be chosen with thee, that I may be made one of the councillors of Gotham.

13. And Phernandiwud answered and said, What are five hundred men, that I should do this great thing for thee? But Pshawdee said, Behold, now these men be fighting men, Pahdees, which love schyndeeds, and if thou will put

thy servant's name upon thy roll, thy servant will give unto these five hundred men fifty pieces of silver worth of the drink-offering, called jinnanshugger, and also a convenient portion of doctrine so mingled that they shall not only give thee their own voices, but shall break the heads of any who give not their voices for thee and for me ; and, moreover, if thy servant is chosen with thee, he will pay unto thee tithes of the offerings, even the lobbeepheze, and the pursentojobbz that he receives that he may learn righteousness and do justice.

14. For so it was, when the councillors of Gotham doubted whether it was right that they should spend the money of the people, that they who were to receive the money placed offerings, called lobbeepheze, before the eyes of the councillors, and touched their hands with other offerings called pursentojobbz ; and straightway the eyes of the councillors were opened and their hands likewise, and they saw that for the good of the people it was needful that the money should be spent ; and they did righteously, and spent it.

15. And the matter pleased Phernandiwd ; and he said unto Pshawdee, Let it be a covenant between us.

16. So when Phernandiwd was made chief ruler of Gotham Pshawdee was made councillor ; and he fed at the public crib, and waxed fat, and increased in substance. And he was a just councillor, and an upright ; for never would he give his voice for spending the people's money, unless lobbeepheze were placed before his eyes and his hand was touched with pursentojobbz. And he kept his covenant with Phernandiwd, and gave unto him tithes four times a year.

17. And he was wise in his generation, and joined himself unto the Phlunkees, compromising unto the Tshivulree, and giving himself night and day to watching over the Great Covenant. And in the eyes of Pshawdee the everlasting Niggah was of all things most sacred, excepting only lobbeepheze and pursentojobbz.

18. But Pshawdee was not content, and in an evil day he

said within himself, Verily I am one of the councillors of this great city, and I increase in substance day by day. But to be a councillor of Gotham is a thing of small esteem, save only among the Pahdees and the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats. Behold now, therefore, I will no longer be a councillor of Gotham, but I will take my gold and my silver, and I will go into Ouahl-streate, and I will make akkawnah there for some of my friends, and I shall suddenly become very rich thereby, and be held in honor throughout the city of Gotham, and I shall enter into the Fifth-Heavenue.

19. Now the paradise of the people of Gotham was in the Fifth-Heavenue, where were the mansions of the blest. And the men of Gotham toiled and travailed, rising early and denying themselves, and sacrificing others, that they might ascend into the Fifth Heavenue.

20. And Ouahl-streate was the place in Gotham where the money-changers were. And the money-changers of Gotham differed from the money-changers of Jerusalem and of Tyre and Sidon in that they sold not only gold and silver, but promises, and dreams and wishes. And chiefly they busied themselves in buying and selling dreams and wishes, and in paying for them in promises. And when the dreams vanished and the wishes came to naught, he whose promises were greatest paid the overplus of his promises in money.

21. And in the tongue of the men of Ouahl-streate to make akkawnah, was for a man to sell unto his friends and acquaintance dreams and wishes, and to take their promises therefor, and then to cause the dreams to vanish and the wishes to come to naught, and to receive from them the overplus in gold and silver, to their ruin.

22. So Pshawdee went into Ouahl-streate and craftily prepared akkawnah; but it came to pass that on the morning when he looked to find his friends therein, he lifted up his eyes, and behold he was in akkawnah himself.

23. So his dreams vanished, and moreover his money vanished with them; yet not altogether, for like his father Kaud-

physsh, he hid some and went down the river Oh-I-owe. Yet he went not into the country of the Repudiators, but tarried at the city of Swine-sin-naughty.

24. And he changed his name and called himself Pshalm-Ur, and he dyed his beard and altered the fashion of his garments, so that his former acquaintance in Gotham would not know him. Yet no man sought him out, for he was an obscure man, and it is not the manner of the men of Ouahlstreate to sue each other at the law.

25. And when Pshawdee saw that the people of Swine-sin-naughty did nothing night and day but slay the unclean beast and make him ready to be eaten, and that they waxed exceeding rich thereby, he took of his money that he had hidden, and bought and sold the abominable creature. And this was about the last days when James, who was called Facing-both-ways, ruled the land of Unculpsalm.

26. Now when Pshawdee saw that there was to be war in the land, and that all the men of the North, even the very Dimmichrats themselves, would fight against the men of the South, that they might not destroy the nation (for then there were no Kopur-hedds), he said within himself,

27. Lo, here is my opportunity ; for there will need to be food provided for the army, and raiment ; and the soldiers do eat much of the flesh of the unclean beast. Then Pshawdee, who called himself Pshalm-Ur, reviled the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs openly in the market places ; and he went straightway to the chief officers of the army of Unculpsalm which were in the region round about Swine-sin-naughty, and covenanted with them to furnish meat unto the armies ; and likewise he undertook to furnish them raiment. And afterward he went unto Abraham himself, and unto his chief councillor for war, and covenanted in like manner.

28. And the meat that he furnished the soldiers stank in their nostrils so that they loathed it, and the raiment was rotten and easily rent in pieces, so that they soon had hardly wherewithal to cover their nakedness. But for all this Pshawdee cared nothing, for he heaped up riches day by day.

29. And he spoke daily against the Phiretahs, saying that they should be put to the sword, and that he would gladly give up every one of his kinsmen and his friends and acquaintance to go into the armies of Unculpsalm, even if they should be slain.

30. But he himself went into the noble army of counter-actors which did continually praise Abraham. (Yet did Abraham know the value of their praises.) And his riches increased, so that after a year had passed the city of Swine-sin-naughty became as a heap of dirt in his eyes. And he said, I will go to Gotham and become one of the great men of the city. And he went there.

31. And he entered into a mansion in the Fifth Heaven-ue, with rich household stuff, and graven images, and candlesticks of beaten gold from the land of the Pahlivoos, and horses and chariots; and his wife became one of the women which swept the streets of Gotham (that had no other sweeping) with sumptuous apparel of silk of many colors.

32. (For when Pshawdee was a servant in the house called Pughtammug, he had taken to wife a woman which lived nigh thereunto, and she was the daughter of a Tytchman that was a publican and host of a little inn, and her name was Balm-hade.)

33. Now there was a man in Gotham whose name was Tiphphunnee, who was cunning to work in gold and in silver, and in precious stones. And he made graven images of gold and all manner of idols that women worship. And he knew the secrets of the hearts of many of the great women of Gotham; but he kept them within his own breast.

34. And when Pshawdee went down the river Oh-I-owe he owed Tiphphunnee more than an hundred and fifty pieces of silver; and since then he had not paid them.

35. Nevertheless, because all the great men of Gotham bought of Tiphphunnee, Pshawdee went to him to buy jewels of gold, and precious stones and vessels of silver for his table and his house. For, he said, I have altered the fashion of my countenance and of my garments, and have dyed my beard,

and am no more called Pshawdee, but Pshalm-Ur, and seven years have passed and Tiphphunnee will not know me. Moreover after six years I was guiltless in this matter; for so teacheth Phernandiwd, my master and mine ensample.

36. But so it was that when Tiphphunnee saw him he knew him. For Tiphphunnee was a wise man and a subtle, and his eyes saw beneath the outsides of men. And Tiphphunnee said within himself, Behold this man is called Pshalm-Ur, and he looketh and carrieth himself like a stranger. But go to now, is he not Pshawdee who owed me an hundred and fifty peeces of silver when he was counsellor of Gotham, and who went down the river Oh-I-owe and paid me not? And he despised him in his heart.

37. Yet did Tiphphunnee not tell him that he knew him; for he was crafty and said, If I tell him that I know that he is Pshawdee, he will not surely pay me the hundred and fifty peeces of silver, for more than six years have gone by, and he is a disciple of Phernandiwd; but surely he will buy no more of me. But if I hold my peace, I can sell him his house full of jewels of gold, and of precious stones, and of vessels of silver, and receive ready payment therefor. For he is rich like unto Dives, and he knoweth not how to spend his riches wisely. So Tiphphunnee held his peace and profited thereby.

CHAPTER III.

1 *The War in the land of Unculpsalm. Abraham thrusteth out Pshawdee.* 10 *Ulysses made chief Captain of the West.* 13 *He attacketh the Phiretahs in the West.* 16 *And defeateth them.*

1. Now the war in the land of Unculpsalm had continued for three years, and came not to an end, and Pshawdee grew richer day by day.

2. Yet was he no longer in the noble army of Counteractors. For with the teaching of the war Abraham had grown wise, and his knees had become strong, and the mighty spirit Bak Bohn dwelt continually within him.

3. Therefore when he found that the soldiers of Unculpsalm were fed with meat which stank in their nostrils, and clothed with raiment which was rotten, and which covered not their nakedness, he thrust Pshawdee and all like unto him out of the army of Counteractors; and whereas he had aforetime smiled at their praises, now he mocked at their threatenings.

4. So the people and the soldiers of the armies of Unculpsalm loved Abraham, and trusted him.

5. But Pshawdee, when he was thrust out of the army of Counteractors, ceased to praise Abraham, and joined himself unto the Kopur-hedds. And with the money which he had already received he went again in to Ouahl-streate, and bought and sold gold and silver.

6. And he was of them in Ouahl-streate who strove always against Abraham's chief treasurer. And Pshawdee, and those of whose company he was, sought to keep the gold and silver of the land out of the hands of the chief treasurer. And thus Pshawdee grew richer day by day at the cost of the people of the land of Unculpsalm.

7. And it came to pass about these days that the captain of the armies of Unculpsalm, which were in the hill country of the West, marched southward to go into Jorji.

8. Now this captain was a valiant man, and in marches he had been crafty and subtle, and in battle a conqueror. And he feared not the army of the Phiretahs which was in Jorji. But he knew not that Jeph the Repudiator had sent yet another army against him out of Pharjinnee.

9. And as he marched southward the Phiretahs fell upon him, and although he and the soldiers under him fought valiantly, the Phiretahs drove him back with great slaughter. Yet did they not utterly discomfit him. And he went back to his stronghold and stayed there.

10. And after these things, Ulysses whom the soldiers called Unculpsalm, was made chief captain of all the armies of Unculpsalm in the west country.

11. And Jeph the Repudiator swore a great oath, and said that he would drive every man of the Iangkies out of that

country, though he should send thither every Phiretah who dwelt south of the border of Masunandiesun. And he sent yet another army to come behind the army of Ulysses and cut him off from the north country.

12. But the soul of Ulysses was not troubled either by Jeph's threats or by his armies. And the latter he regarded not, but waited his opportunity quietly, as his manner was.

13. Now, the army before him was encamped upon two mountains, and had made itself strong high up upon the sides thereof. And it came to pass that on a certain day Ulysses saw that his opportunity had come. And he moved out from his stronghold upon the Phiretahs, and marched up the mountains to give them battle; and the tops of the mountains were above the clouds.

14. And the men of the host of Uneulpsalm climbed up the mountain where the way was rough, and ran where the way was smooth; and the Phiretahs shot at them as they climbed and as they ran.

15. And that part of the host that was under Joseph of Kalaphorni kept on upward even unto the cloud, and the cloud swallowed it up.

16. And the host went through the cloud, and came out fighting. And Joseph drove the Phiretahs from the mountain-top and down upon the other side. So also did the captain of the other host drive the Phiretahs from the other mountain with great slaughter. And the Phiretahs fled that day from the face of Ulysses and from the men of Unculpsalm which followed hard after.

17. And they left their tents, and their wagons, and their great engines of war behind them, and they cast away their weapons as they fled. And the men of Unculpsalm slew them by the way even as thou goest down unto Jorji. And there fell of the Phiretahs more than five thousand men that day, besides seven thousand that were taken captive.

18. And the captain of the other army of the Phiretahs saw that Ulysses had been wise in that he had not regarded him and his host. And he saw that he could not stand be-

fore Ulysses; and he got himself quickly backward toward Pharjinnee. And thus Ulysses made an end of the boasting and the oaths of Jeph the Repudiator.

19. And the fear of Ulysses fell upon the Phiretahs and the Tshivulree; and they said, Who is this Iangkie that marcheth in upon us and overcometh us upon our own ground, and driveth us out of our strongholds?

20. And they sought no more to fight with Ulysses until they had made greater preparation against him. And Jeph sent out through all the country where his armies were, and gathered together all except the halt and the blind and them that were bed-ridden or feeble with age, and compelled them into his armies. But the Niggahs he left at home to till the ground.

CHAPTER IV.

1 *The Armies of Unculpsalm rest.* 3 *Ben Hit the Scribe.* 6 *Ulysses made chief Captain over all the Armies of Unculpsalm.* 9 *Abraham hath familiar Spirits.* 15 *Miscege Nation.* 29 *John See of Mah Rippozah.* 31 *What he did.* 32 *And what he did not do.* 46 *The outlandish men set up John See to be chosen Chief Ruler.* 54 *Who they were that called the Assembly to set him up.* 58 *Pshawdee joineth himself unto them that set up John See.*

1. And after these things the winter came on, and the armies of Unculpsalm rested in their camps.

2. And the time drew nigh when the people should choose again their chief ruler.

3. And a certain scribe named Ben Hit, who was not of the men of Unculpsalm, but who came from the land of Psawknee, which is a province of the land of Jonbool, said, let us make Ulysses chief ruler. For Ben Hit said, If I name Ulysses and he is chosen, he will be gracious unto me.

4. But Ulysses would not, saying, Let me serve in the armies of Unculpsalm until the government is restored throughout the land. Moreover, Ulysses said within him-

self, Let me not be set up by Ben Hit to be chief ruler, for whomsoever he setteth up the people do put down; and he remembered how when the Phiretahs first made war upon the government of Unculpsalm at Tshawlstn, Ben Hit was on their side, but turned against them in one night because he feared the people.

5. For Ben Hit sought to please the people, and especially the Pahdees, and to say what he thought they would have him to say. Wherefore many listened to him, but no man regarded him.

6. And the people said, Let Ulysses be made chief captain of all the armies of Unculpsalm, and be lieutenant unto Abraham. And it was so.

7. And the people saw that Abraham had become wise, and that his knees were strong, and that he was a just man and kept his soul unspotted from corruption; and they saw that in the first year of his rule they had judged him foolishly because of their own ignorance how great a matter this war was, and because they considered not that he had been made ruler of a great nation, and of a land larger than the land of any other nation, which was divided by a war the like of which no man hath told or written of for its greatness.

8. And they saw that Abraham, although he had set his face like a flint against all them that would use the Great Covenant to protect and to justify the Phiretahs in their rebellion and to hold the Niggahs in everlasting bondage, was a discreet man, and walked warily; not setting himself up for a prophet, or the son of a prophet, or seeking to become a preacher of new doctrine, which he was not chosen to be, but to rule the land, and to defend it, and to maintain the government thereof.

9. And it began to be noised abroad that Abraham had two familiar spirits, even the two mighty ones, Eumun Aytsher and Kawmunz Entz, and that these and the mighty spirit Bak Bohn were in league with him.

10. And whoever taketh counsel of these spirits, Eumun

Aytsher and Kawmunz Entz, if he have also the mighty spirit Bak Bohn to help in the doing, there is little that he may not accomplish.

11. Forasmuch, therefore, as Abraham had these spirits and hearkened unto them, he divined the thoughts of the hearts of the people, and they felt that he was one like unto themselves, and they had faith in him that he would do what was acceptable unto them. (For such was the law in the land of Uneulpsalm.)

12. Wherefore all they that longed chiefly for the preservation of the land of Uneulpsalm, and the maintenance of the honor and the glory of the nation, and that men might be no more held in bondage within its borders, wished that Abraham should be again chosen chief ruler.

13. But the Kopur-hedds, which looked for the triumph of the Phiretahs while they yet professed to be true to the government of Uneulpsalm, and the Knsuvvutivs, which would have kept the nation in hot water lest it should be scalded, and all they that said in their hearts, If this nation cannot be saved by the rule of the Dimmiclrats of our faction let it perish, and be broken up into little provinces, wished that Litulmak the Unready should be chosen.

14. And there were yet others that wished not that Abraham should be chosen again. And these were men who, like the Phiretahs, had no thought but for the everlasting Niggah.

15. And they cared not for the Iangkie nation, neither for any nation, save one called Miscege nation, which, being interpreted, meaneth no nation.

16. Now, of these men a few were Iangkies, but almost all were not of the land of Uneulpsalm, but men born in other lands, where they had lived in ignorance like unto outer darkness, and in want and in misery.

17. But the Iangkies, whose fathers had possessed the land, and had wrested it from the oppression of the king of Jonbool, and had framed the government thereof, doing battle and sitting in council from generation to generation, spake within themselves and with each other, saying ;

18. Behold, now we have accepted this war, and are doing battle with the Phiretahs, for two causes ; and the first cause is that our nation shall not be destroyed ; and the second cause is, that the might of our nation shall no more be used to oppress the Niggah. Yet was the second cause before the first ; for if we had consented unto the Phiretahs that they should carry their Niggahs into the common land of Unculpsalm and keep them there in bondage, behold they would not have sought to destroy the nation.

19. Nevertheless, though we fight that we may no more oppress the Niggah, yet will we not destroy our nation for him at their bidding who, like the Phiretahs, have no thought but concerning him.

20. We will not oppress him ; but, although he is among us, he is not of us, neither can he be. Be our blood and the blood of our brethren the price of his freedom. But let him not come into our counsels, or be of those which rule this land. Let him dwell apart from us and prosper.

21. And as for these foreigners who would teach us whom we should choose for chief ruler, we rejoice with them that here, through the wisdom and the blood of our fathers, they know not oppression, and gain every man his bread, he and his wife and his little ones, with none to molest or to make him afraid. But it becometh not them to seek to lead us who are this nation, and who, we and our fathers, have been these two hundred years, and who were taught from our youth up in the law and in the customs of this land, and in whom our knowledge and our love of this land and the laws and the customs thereof, have grown with our growth and strengthened with our strength.

22. They take too much upon themselves, these sons of Tytchmen, and not they only, but certain demagogues of our own country, who would use them for their own advantage.

23. Now the Iangkies spake thus in sadness and in sorrow of heart.

24. And chief among the Iangkies who wished not that Abraham should be chosen again was Philip of the new

Athens, which was called Boss-town. But he had confessed from the beginning that he cared nothing for the land of Unculpsalm, and he had spat upon the Great Covenant, and had reviled the banner of the nation.

25. Wherefore Philip reviled Abraham also.

26. And of them who wished not that Abraham should be chosen again, many were men who had looked, when he was made chief ruler, that he would exalt their horn among the people and make them his counsellors, his officers and his tax-gatherers. And when he exalted them not, they said, Go to, he is a backslider, he careth more for the nation of Unculpsalm than he doth for the everlasting Niggah.

27. And many were men which, at the outbreking of the war, had gone, like Pshawdee, into the noble army of the Counteractors which did continually praise Abraham. But when Abraham thrust them out, or took away their gains because they waxed rich upon the substance of the people and by the suffering of the soldiers, they turned upon him and reviled him.

28. And the envious, and they which were disappointed and sought revenge against Abraham, and the men who cared not for the Iangkie nation, neither for any nation except Miscege nation, which meaneth no nation, looked about to find a man whom they would set up to be chosen for chief ruler.

29. And they found John See of Mah-Rippozah, which is in the province of Kalaphorni. And this John See was of the race of the Pahlivoos.

30. And he being made one of the high captains in the armies of Unculpsalm, and Governor of a province beyond the Father of the Waters, gave the chief offices under him to outlandish men of all sorts which spake not the language of the Iangkies.

31. And he took state upon him, and went in a chariot with many horses, and with men to go before and to come after, and with a guard of horsemen which were outlandish men, which is not the manner of the Iangkies.

32. And he led his army not often to battle and never to victory.

33. But he was swift to meddle with the everlasting Niggah, and he made a proclamation concerning him, for he thought that the people would say, Lo a leader is born unto us!

34. Then Abraham said, I made thee not governor that thou mightest meddle with the everlasting Niggah, but deal with the enemies of the land of Unculpsalm. Behold, the time to meddle with the Niggah is not yet come, and it is for me to judge when it cometh! Take not so much upon thee and call back thy proclamation.

35. Then was John See of Mah-Ripposah wroth, and from that time forth he loved not Abraham.

36. And Abraham, because he found him not prudent in council or cunning to fight, removed John See from being governor; but to please the outlandish men, which were many, he made him chief captain of the armies in the hill-country of Pharjinnee. But again he led not his men to victory, neither did he any thing good or bad; and his weak devices were brought to naught.

37. And soon after, Robbutleeh fell upon the army of Litulmak the Unready, which was in the eastern coasts of Pharjinnee, and drove Litulmak out of his encampment and fought with him for seven days, and yet neither destroyed nor conquered him, but on the seventh day fled from before the face of the men of Unculpsalm, so that Litulmak might have chased them and put them to the sword, and taken their chief city. Yet did he not, because he was unready.

38. Wherefore Abraham took from him the command, and made John the Boaster chief captain over all the armies in Pharjinnee.

39. And Litulmak, although he had been chief captain over all the armies of the land of Unculpsalm, and all the captains thereof, and the officers thereof, yet rebelled not, neither did he murmur, but took his place under John the Boaster, saying, Be it unto thy servant even as thou wilt, only let me serve the land of Unculpsalm in the armies thereof.

40. Wherefore the people said, Litulmak is indeed unready, but behold now he is not a self-seeker, and he loveth this land and this people. (And after this, Litulmak was restored again, and drove Robbutleeh out of the province which is called the land of Mary.)

41. But John See of Mah-Rippozah said, Go to, now, I will not fight if John the Boaster be made chief captain of the armies in Pharjinnee. Behold, he is as the dirt beneath my feet, and it becometh not me to be commanded by him.

42. So likewise said all the outlandish men, and the men who had no thought for the nation of Unculpsalm, but only for the everlasting Niggah.

43. And John See of Mah-Rippozah said unto Abraham, I pray thee now command thy servant that he may no more be captain over the army in the hill-country. And Abraham did so.

44. And from that day John See of Mah Rippozah appeared no more in the armies of Unculpsalm, yet did he keep his captainship; for he said within himself, Abraham will not dare to take away my captainship for fear of the outlandish men, and the men who have no care for this nation, which are my followers.

45. And I shall wait, and peradventure my time will come, even as Phernandiwud's time came unto him, to declare the new gospel of peace when Abraham sent out Clement, the lawgiver, among his friends the Phiretahs.

46. So when the Tytchmen, and the Pahlivoos, and the outlandish men, and all they which had no thought except for the everlasting Niggah, and they who had turned against Abraham because he had not exalted their horn among the people, looked for a man to set up to be chosen chief ruler,

47. They said, Let us set up John See of Mah-Rippozah.

48. And when men asked, Why will ye set up John See of Mah-Rippozah? what hath he done that we can say, therefore he should be chosen?

49. He hath sat among our lawgivers, but he hath framed no law, neither hath he given any counsel. He hath com-

manded our armies, but he hath not led them to victory. He hath sought the westward path of our empire, but was it not found by Kit, the son of Kar? Why, therefore, should he be set up?

50. And the outlandish men, and the disappointed men, and the men who had no thought for the nation could only answer and say :

51. He hath meddled with the everlasting Niggah before his time, not waiting to see the signs of the times as Abraham doth. But they said, one to another, We will take vengeance upon Abraham, because he made John See of Mah-Rippozah take back his proclamation about the everlasting Niggah; and moreover, because he made him not captain over the armies of Pharjinnee instead of Litulmak the Unready. And also John See saw that his time was come to be avenged upon Abraham.

52. So the outlandish men, and the disappointed men, and the men who had no thought for the Iangkie nation, but only for Mischege nation, took counsel together with John See of Mah-Rippozah, to set him up to be chief ruler of the land of Unculpsalm.

53. And they wrote papers, and signed their names thereunto, and sent them abroad throughout the land, calling upon the people to assemble themselves together and set up John See of Mah-Rippozah to be chosen chief ruler.

54. And they that signed the papers were Knowbuddee, Zwei-lager, Gnowb Oddy, Phitesmidseegel and Runsmiddim-doo his brother, Phreduglee (who was an everlasting Niggah), Schnappsundpretzels, Nobe Odhee, Elizabeth who was surnamed Cadydid-an-cadydidut, Gno Buddhee, Schnupftabak, Nohb Uddy, and certain of the tribe of Xetzschtyzeskj.

55. And they hired scribes to write a book week by week, telling the people that they should choose John See of Mah-Rippozah to be chief ruler, but chiefly, that they should not choose Abraham. And they called the name of the book No Nation; for thus, they said, shall it be if we prosper.

56. Now when Pshawdee heard these things, he said within

himself, Do I not desire that Litulmak shall be chosen that I may avenge myself upon Abraham, and moreover that the war may not be put an end to by Ulysses, but may continue, and I may again become one of the noble army of the Counteractors, and that the nation may be saved only by the Dimmichrats of my faction, and by the ministration of the new gospel of peace which was declared by Phernandiwud, my master ?

57. And he said unto the Kopur-hedds and the men of the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats, and to the Phiretahs which dwelt in the north country, serving their master, Jeph the Repudiator :

58. Go to now, let us craftily set on these men to set up John See of Mah-Rippozah ; for so shall we divide the men who would give their voices against Litulmak, and who believe not in the new gospel of peace which was declared by Phernandiwud ; and it shall be that in the day when the chief ruler is chosen, Litulmak will have more voices than either Abraham or John See of Mah-Rippozah. So shall we make the wrath of our enemies to serve us.

59. And they did so. And Pshawdee and all they which like him were disciples of the new gospel of peace declared by Phernandiwud, gave money unto the scribes which wrote the No Nation, and went about saying that the only man in the land of Unculpsalm who could save the land from being delivered over by Phernandiwud and his faction into the hands of Jeph the Repudiator was John-See of Mah-Rippozah, and that the only nation which was worthy to live in that land was Miscege nation.

CHAPTER V.

1 *The Fairs in the land of Unculpsalm. The great Fair in Gotham.*
 10 *Jonaydies.* 12 *Pshawdee seeketh to be one of the chief officers.*
 13 *Sussah-ettee, Fuss people.* 22 *The Eunuch kluhbb.* 30 *Pshawdee*
seeketh to join himself unto the Eunuch kluhbb. 36 *Augustus the*
money changer.

1. Now it came to pass about these days, that the inhabitants of the north country of the land of Unculpsalm set up fairs in their towns and in their cities, and the gains thereof they gave unto them who ministered unto the sick and wounded in the armies.

2. For in the beginning, indeed, there were women who sought to sit by the bedsides of the sick and wounded, clad in white raiment, with vials of odors, and handkerchiefs of fine-twined linen, and fans in their hands, and to pour the odors upon the handkerchiefs and to wash therewith the foreheads of the sick and wounded, and to fan them with their fans: so that at first to every wounded soldier there were many women with fans and handkerchiefs and vials of odors.

3. And of the women many were virgins well stricken in years.

4. But so it was that as the war went on the number of the wounded soldiers increased, and the number of the women with vials of odors and with handkerchiefs and with fans in their hands, diminished. Likewise it was found that men wounded in battle needed other ministration.

5. Therefore certain men joined themselves together to minister to the wounded in the battle where they fell, and to take them from the battle into houses to minister to them there. And it was unto the men who had thus joined themselves together that the gains of the fairs were given.

6. And there was a great fair in Gotham. And of all the fairs which were given in those days in the land of Unculpsalm, or which had been given theretofore, or which

shall be given hereafter throughout all the world, the Great Fair of Gotham was the greatest fair.

7. And all the people in Gotham and in the country round-about, even in Jarzee, which lieth on the other side of the great river, the river Hutzoon, and which is not within the land of Unculpsalm; the men and the women, the young men and the maidens; the old men and the children; the merchants and the artificers, and the workers in gold and in iron; the shipmen, and all them which handle the oar; the carpenters, and they that hewed stone; and they that tilled the ground; the singing-men and the singing-women; and all they that were cunning with their hands to make needle-work of divers colors on both sides; and the Scribes, and the Pharisees, and the Phyar-men, and the virgins well stricken in years, joined themselves together in the Great Fair of Gotham.

8. And only they withheld themselves which were Kopurhedds, and wished well unto the Phiretahs.

9. And there were fourscore officers of men and of women in this fair, and the chief officer was Jonaydies, who was also chief captain in Gotham and in all the country round-about, and beyond Boss-town unto the farthest boundaries of the land of Unculpsalm as thou goest northward, even unto Onaydow Neest.

10. And Jonaydies was a learned man, and a man of wisdom and of courage; and when the Phiretahs first lifted up the standard of revolt, and while the Phlankees were compromising themselves yet more unto them, and Phernandiwud crawled on his belly before Robert of Jorji who dwelt among the tombs, Jonaydies, being then chief treasurer, had commanded one of his officers that if any man should pull down the banner of the land of Unculpsalm he should be put to death upon the spot. And Jonaydies had been a Dimmichrat, but not after the order of Phernandiwud.

11. Wherefore Jonaydies was held in honor throughout all the land of Unculpsalm which was not in the hands of the Phiretahs; and especially was he held in honor in the city of Gotham.

12. Now, Pshawdee, although he cared not for the soldiers, except to furnish them with meat that stank in their nostrils and raiment that covered not their nakedness, sought diligently to become one of the chief officers of the Great Fair in Gotham. And the reason of his seeking was this :

13. In the city of Gotham there was an order of men and women which called themselves Sussah-ettee, and the people which belonged thereunto were called Fuss-people.

14. And most of them were of the tribe of Phung Uz, and many of them were rich. And they set much by themselves because they were Sussah-ettee.

15. And among themselves they could say nothing worse of any others than that they were not Sussah-ettee ; yet no man could tell wherein they differed which were Sussah-ettee from many which were not.

16. For so it was that there were those (yet were they few) that were Sussah-ettee, and that were not of the tribe of Phung Uz, and there were many that were rich that were not Sussah-ettee. So that no man which was not himself Sussah-ettee could distinguish in the matter.

17. Nevertheless, great multitudes sought nothing else day or night but to be Sussah-ettee ; and they bowed themselves down unto them which they thought were Sussah-ettee, and they looked with scorn upon those which they thought were not. And each of them which strove to be Sussah-ettee also endeavored to prevent the others from becoming Sussah-ettee ;

18. For he said within himself, In what shall I be better than my neighbor, if he who has been my companion these many years shall also become Sussah-ettee ?

19. And there was Sussah-ettee in the other cities and towns of the land of Unculpsalm, in Boss-town, in Coo-acre city, and even in the city of Swine-sin-naughty. Nay, is it not written that in the villages, and in the alms-houses, and in the very prisons, they did set up the order of Sussah-ettee ?

20. Now Pshawdee, when he had grown rich and dwelt in Gotham, sought diligently to become Sussah-ettee. And he made great feasts in his house with music and dancing, and

his chambers were filled with light, and with the noise of minstrels, and his tables were covered with gold and with silver, so that there were no feasts so sumptuous as the feasts of Pshawdee.

21. And many went to these feasts; and some of them were of the tribe of Phung Uz, and some were of the noble army of Counteractors. But Pshawdee thought within himself that they were not Sussah-ettee.

22. Wherefore Pshawdee said, I must join myself unto the Eunuch klubbb, and then shall I become Sussah-ettee.

23. For in Gotham the synagogues in which men gathered together to worship according to the order of Sussah-ettee, were called klubbbs; and the Eunuch klubbb was the chief of all these in Gotham, because in it there were gathered together more of the sect of the Olephogees. And not many of the Olephogees be of the tribe of Phung Uz.

24. Now, this synagogue was not called the Eunuch klubbb because the men therein were eunuchs indeed. For in the beginning it was called the Eunnyun klubbb; and it did profess great love unto the land and the government of Unculpsalm.

25. But it came to pass that there was a man of the circumcision, whose name was Judah, who joined himself unto this synagogue; and he was of the tribe of Benjamin. And he dwelt in the south country, in a city on the borders of Father of the Waters. And he was not Tshivulree; for they of the circumcision are never Tshivulree, but he was a Phiretah.

26. And when the standard of revolt was set up against the government of Unculpsalm, this circumcised Phiretah became one of the chief counsellors of Jeph the Repudiator.

27. Wherefore certain of them which were of the Eunnyun said, Let us now straightway put out this Judah because he rebelleth against the government of Unculpsalm, and seeketh to destroy this nation.

28. But the others answered and said, Not so.. For here we do worship Sussah-ettee; and what is it to Sussah-ettee

whether the government of Unculpsalm be cast down, and the nation destroyed, and the land divided, or no ?

29. And they that said thus were many, and the others were very few. So Judah was not put out. Wherefore, and because that the men of the Eumyun held themselves aloof from the Great Fair of Gotham, the people said, Let this klubb no more be called the Eumyun but the Eunuch ; for its love for the land of Unculpsalm bringeth forth nothing.

30. Then Pshawdee, who was called Pshalm Ur when he returned to Gotham, sought to be one of the Eunuch klubb. And they that were already of it considered the matter and said, Let us receive this Pshalm Ur among us, for he is rich. But some said, He is of the tribe of Phung Uz, and he seeketh secretly to destroy this government.

31. And when no man hearkened unto them, and they were about to receive him, but Tiphphunnee said unto one of them,

32. Know ye whom ye are about to choose. This Pshalm Ur is Pshawdee, who is the son of Kandphyssh, which the Bihdee, his concubine, bore unto him, and who was one of the councillors of Gotham.

33. Then, although they had cared not that Judah had revolted, and were about to receive Pshawdee although he was of the tribe of Phung Uz, and was a Kopur-hedd, they all gave their voices against him, because he was the son of a Bihdee, which was concubine, and because he had been one of the counsellors of Gotham.

34. So Pshawdee was not received into the Eunuch klubb. And when the Great Fair was set up he said, Now will I offer to give largely of my substance unto the fair, and then they will make me one of the chief officers thereof, and I shall be one of the Fuss-people, and peradventure I may even become Sussah-ettee.

35. But although he promised to give largely of his substance, Pshawdee was not made one of the chief officers ; for they said, The people will give us money ; and it is better

for us even that our chief officers should be without money than without honor, or that the root of this matter should not be found in them.

36. And Angustus the money-changer sought also to be one of the chief officers of the fair. For he said, Behold now the Kopur-hedds stink in the nostrils of this people like unto the flesh of the unclean beast which Pshawdee giveth unto the soldiers; and the men who are chief officers are men who from the beginning have not compromised themselves unto the Phiretahs; wherefore if I be received among them the people will forget that I was one of them that took counsel together to raise up a faction in the city and in the province of Gotham to resist the government of Unculpsalm and to help the Phiretahs.

37. But the men who were already chief officers said, We will not have this time-server and men-pleaser among us. Nor shall he make of us which are whole a cloak unto his leprosy.

CHAPTER VI.

1 *Pshawdee seeketh again to become Sussah-ettee.* 3. *Certain men counsel the Fuss women to buy no more sumptuous apparel.* 6 *Aphrite and Adhowdee.* 17 *The women assemble in the hall of Peter the Barrelnmaker.* 23 *There is a division among them.* 30 *The wife of Pshawdee.* 33 *Nah Polion is wise in his generation.*

1. And Pshawdee sought yet again to make it seem that he was Sussah-ettee. For after the fair had come to an end (and it was a Great Fair, and the officers thereof paid unto the sick and the wounded of the host of Unculpsalm a million and two hundred thousand pieces of silver), the women which had been officers thereof said one to another,

2. What shall we do that we may not suddenly pass away from before the eyes of this people, and that we ourselves may not sink under the burden of this quiet which falleth upon us now that there is no longer a fair in Gotham.

3. And certain men said unto them, Behold now the peo-

ple of Unculpsalm need all their money for the war that is in the land ; yet do they pay unto the Pahlivoos and unto the men of Jonbool, thousands of thousands of pieces of gold every month ; and of this ye know well how large a part is paid for sumptuous apparel ; for silk and for broidered work, and for fine-twined linen like unto the spider's web, and for jewels and precious stones, and for head-tires.

4. Come now, therefore, join yourselves together and ask all the women of Gotham and the country round about, to join themselves unto you, and pledge yourselves solemnly one to another in the hall of Peter who is called the Barrel-maker, that ye will not buy any more silken raiment and broidered work of the Pahlivoos, neither fine-twined linen like unto the spider's web from the men of Jonbool ; but that until this war is ended ye will buy only that raiment and stuff which is made in this land, even in the land of Unculpsalm. So shall not your memory perish from the land, and the Gothamites be kept in mind that ye are Fuss-people.

5. Then were the countenances of the women cast down, and their hearts sank within them.

6. And they answered and said, Truly we will talk and busy ourselves, and write writings, and call together assemblies about this matter ; but as to the thing which ye ask us to do, shall we for the whole land of Unculpsalm make ourselves look each one like unto Aphrite and like unto Adhow-dee !

7. Now, Aphrite and Adhowdee were evil spirits, in fear of which the women of the land of Unculpsalm lived continually ; and they feared nothing so much as to look like unto the one or the other.

8. Yet did no woman ever see these spirits save in the flesh or the apparel of some other woman ; and most often one of her friends and acquaintance.

9. And when a woman saw that her friend was possessed of one of these spirits, she said, Lo, she looketh like unto Aphrite or Adhowdee, and she rejoiced in her heart although

she mourned outwardly; for so it was that every woman could see that her neighbor was like unto Aphrite or Adhowdee, but could not see the same likeness in herself; and she thought within herself, Behold she hath this evil spirit and therefore I have it not, and I am glorified in her calamity.

10. And when a woman found not favor in the eyes of men they said, She is Aphrite; but when her raiment provoked the scorn of women, they said, She is Adhowdee; and they believed that there was no charm wherewith to cast out the evil spirit Adhowdee from a woman, save silken raiment made after the manner of the Pahlivoos.

11. And because they feared more to look like unto Adhowdee than like unto Aphrite, (for they knew that a woman might not seem to a man like unto Aphrite, although she wore only one linen garment), therefore was it that the countenances of the Fuss-women fell, and that their hearts sank within them.

12. But the men seeing their perplexity, said unto them, Why are ye cast down, and why do your hearts fail you? For behold now, we do not ask that ye should pledge yourselves one to another not to wear raiment from the land of the Pahlivoos, and from the land of Jonbool. God forbid that we should ask the women of our Fuss-people to do such a thing.

13. Have ye not all of you, ye, your friends and acquaintances, laid up for yourselves treasures of silken apparel and head-tires and fine-twined linen, which are enough for you to wear throughout this war; yea, even if it should continue yet five years longer! We ask ye not that ye shall not go in attire from the land of the Pahlivoos and of Jonbool, but that ye shall not buy the same;

14. And for all the women who are not Fuss people, and who furnished you the substance of your great fair, but were not officers of the same, and who, because they are not rich, have not laid up for themselves treasures of silken raiment, and fine linen, and of jewels, when they have pledged themselves unto you not to buy soft clothing made in the

land of the Pahlivoos, and when that which they have is worn out, let them go in common raiment made by the hands of Iangkies in the land of Unculpsalm.

15. And when the Fuss women heard of apparel made by Iangkies in the land of Unculpsalm they became pale, and seemed as if they would vanish away ; but when they considered the matter, and remembered each one of them that it was not she who should wear it, the thing pleased them, and they consented to it.

16. And they sent out a writing ; and they signed the writing, saying unto the women of Gotham, Assemble yourselves together at the hall of Peter who is called the Barrel-maker, and let us pledge ourselves one to another that we will buy no more silken raiment, neither head-tires from the land of the Pahlivoos, nor fine-twined linen like unto the spider's web, from the land of Jonbool, nor jewels of gold nor precious stones from other lands while this war lasteth.

17. And the women came and filled the hall of Peter the Barrel-maker, so that it was full of the rustle of garments and the murmur of voices, as when a soft wind moveth the trees of the forest.

18. And the women who had been chief officers of the fair were set upon an high place, and they were clad in gorgeous raiment, and wore marvellous head-tires upon their heads, so that the men looked at them in wonder and the women with envy ; and they said, There have not been such head-tires made in the land of Unculpsalm, neither shall be.

19. But there were few men suffered in that assembly. And one of them they made president. And he was a goodly man and courteous. And after Peter the Barrel-maker had made an oration unto them, the president read the writing and declared the covenant unto the assembly.

20. And he asked their voices upon it. And many gave their voices for it. But when he asked again, there were many more that gave their voices against it.

21. Whereupon the president and the women which had been chief officers of the fair were astonished, and knew not

what to do. And the president said unto the assembly, Ye do not rightly in giving your voices against the writing. For behold these women at whose call ye are assembled together, and which have signed the writing, are Fuss-people, and they looked not that any should speak against that which it seemed good unto them to do; neither becometh it you to speak, except for it; and for this only were ye gathered together.

22. Then did he ask their voices again; and again there were more voices against the writing than for it, and there was confusion and perplexity upon the high place. And there began to be an uproar in the assembly; and certain women therein lifted up their voices against the women upon the high place, saying,

23. Wherefore have ye brought us into this place to deceive us? and why is it that ye have thus dealt with us? Think ye to blind us to the pride and the naughtiness of your hearts?

24. For indeed now it would be a good thing that we should keep in this land all the gold and the silver which the women spend for sumptuous apparel; and we would gladly sign a writing with you and pledge ourselves one to another to wear no garments made in the land of the Pahlivoos and in the land of Jonbool, from this time forth until the war is ended.

25. But think ye that we see not that ye promise only not to buy this raiment, or that we know not that ye have laid up for yourselves treasure of silken apparel, and collars of fine-twined linen, and head-tires marvellous to behold, and jewels of gold and precious stones enough for many years, and that ye make no covenant with us not to wear this raiment?

26. Yea verily, and we know that ye will wear it; and that when we who have not laid up treasures must needs buy other raiment, if we sign this writing and make this covenant we must buy raiment made by Iaugkies in the land of Unculpahm; and that while we see you arrayed in sump-

tuous apparel, we shall look each one of us like unto Aphrite and Adhowdee.

27. Think ye that we will do this because ye are Fuss-people? No, not for the whole land of Unculpsalm. Come down therefore among us if ye would serve this land, and keep the gold and silver within its borders, and do as ye would make us do, and become each one of you like unto Aphrite and Adhowdee; else will we not hearken unto you.

28. Then the women upon the high place were dismayed, and their knees knocked together like Belshazzar's; and they said one to another, Are we even as the simple ones that we should do this thing? But some of them waxed wroth and said, It is the men, it is Solomon the Chief Treasurer, and Hiram, whose surname is Bah Gnee, his minister, who sitteth at the receipt of custom, who have counselled these women, and have brought this confusion upon us.

29. And the saying found favor in the eyes of the women; and they thrust all the men out of the assembly. And they set the women who refused to sign the writing at naught, and made a covenant that was right in their own eyes.

30. Now, the wife of Pshawdee had sought to join herself unto these women; for she said, Then shall my name be written upon the writings, and men will see that I too am one of the Fuss-people, and may become Sussah-ettee. And at first the women would not suffer her. But after these things they said one to another, Behold, now, we shall need some one who is not Sussah-ettee to appear with us in this matter.

31. So they suffered her. And after these things they fled each one of them into the far country, some into the mountains and others to the sea-side, and were no more seen in Gotham.

32. And Nah Pohlion, the king of the Pahlivoos, was told of what these women had done. And he that told him said, Will not my lord make war upon these Iangkies whose women seek to take bread out of the mouths of the servants of my lord, and to bring his kingdom to destruction?

33. And Nah Poblion answered and said, Not so : neither is my spirit troubled by these covenants. When these Fuss-women of Gotham no longer wear the silk and the jewels and fine-twined linen, but apparel themselves in raiment made by Iangkies in the land of Unculpsalm, then shall I consider the matter, even though they make no covenant.

34. For he was wise in his generation ; and he had sojourned in the land of Unculpsalm.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *The Armies of Unculpsalm.* 2. *Jeph seeketh to terrify them.* 5 *A Phiretah captain attacketh a fort.* 9. *And ministereth the new Gospel of Peace to the Niggahs that are therein.* 18 *Pshaw-dee and certain Officers of Unculpsalm compromise themselves unto the Phiretahs.* 24 *Ulysses and George the Meude march upon the chief city of the Ephephrees.* 28 *The Battle in the Wilderness.* 31 *Ulysses circumventeth Robbutlech.* 34 *Primus and Assohkald Edditah publish a false proclamation.* 42 *Abraham giveth his enemies another martyr.* 47 *Abraham speaketh in parables.* 60 *Raphael, the captain of a Phiretah ship, bloweth his trumpet.* 69 *But he and the men of Jonbool are discomfited.*

1. Now these things happened about the spring-time of the year. And the days drew nigh when the armies of Unculpsalm should march against the armies of Jeph the Repudiator.

2. And Jeph said, Behold now, before they march upon me, I will strike terror into these Iangkies and into the Niggahs, whom they are fighting to set free, and whom they suffer to fight under their banner. I will minister the new gospel of peace unto them even as my friends the Kopurhedds, and the Pahdees ministered it unto them in Gotham.

3. And he sent one of his chief captains with an army of three thousand men against a fort that stood by the Father of the Waters. And there were only six hundred fighting men in that fort ; and three hundred and fifty of these were

Ethiopians, even Niggahs which had never drawn the sword.

4. And the captain of the Phiretahs marched against the fort, and sent a trumpet before him, saying to him who commanded the fort, Let there be peace between us while I show thee that it will be better for thee to give thyself into my hands. But he would not. And while there was peace the Phiretah captain marched his army into a better vantage.

5. Then he fought against the men of Unculpsalm; but he prevailed not, for the fort was strong. And again he sent a trumpet, saying, Let there be peace, as aforetime. And while there was peace he marched his army again into a vantage ground, and placed it around the fort on all sides.

6. And again he fought, and his men climbed over the wall into the fort, because there were not men enough within to line the wall.

7. And when the men of Unculpsalm saw that they were too few, they submitted and laid down their weapons. And then they thought that there was peace.

8. But when the Phiretahs saw that these men had submitted and laid down their weapons, and that they themselves were many and strong, and that the others were few and feeble, they said, Now let us minister the new gospel of peace unto these Iangkies and unto the Niggahs which do fight under their banner, that we may show them that we are Tshivulree, and that we mean that peace shall spread her wings under our banner.

9. Then they fell upon the Niggahs as they stood in their ranks without weapons, and slew them as they stood; for they were Tshivulree.

10. And they shot at them as they fled, and as they lay wounded upon the ground; for they were Tshivulree.

11. And they put to death the Iangkies which were with them, even the soldiers and the officers which had submitted and given up their weapons; for they were Tshivulree.

12. And they slew the women and children of the Niggahs; for they were Tshivulree.

13. And they set on fire the house in which lay the sick and the wounded ; and when one that was wounded asked for water they gave him fire ; for they were Tshivulree.

14. And they threw the bodies into the water and into the fire ; and they threw into the fire some that were living, and some that were living they buried ; for they were Tshivulree.

15. And few men fell fighting on that day ; but of the six hundred not fifty were left alive.

16. For thus do the Tshivulree and the Pahdees which serve them minister the new gospel of peace.

17. And on the same day when these things were done, certain of the captains of the Tshivulree went down to a boat which was by the shore of the river nigh unto the fort ; and there were certain men of Unculpsalm in the boat, and Pshawdee was also among them.

18. For Pshawdee had gone down upon the Father of the Waters to buy merchandise and get gain.

19. And when the captains of the Tshivulree entered into the boat, Pshawdee and they that were with him bowed down themselves unto them, and said unto them, It is very good and gracious of our lords that they visit their servants, although their servants are Iangkies and men of Unculpsalm. What are we, and what have we done that our lords should visit us, and show us the light of their countenance ? And they compromised themselves unto them.

20. And they made haste, and set on bread before them, and poured out wine unto them, and they ate and drank with them, while the blood of the Niggahs and of their own brethren was upon their hands. And when they drank they bowed themselves down and compromised themselves.

21. This did Pshawdee and they that were with him ; for they said within themselves, When the war is over and there is peace again in the land, the Phiretahs and the Tshivulree may be serviceable unto us, and we shall get gain by them, and have places in the government.

22. And Jeph the Repudiator and the Tshivulree looked

that the Iangkies should be struck with terror, and that they would cease to receive the Niggahs into their armies. But it came to pass that the Iangkies were more than ever set upon subduing the Phiretahs. And the very Niggahs, which had been from generation to generation under the yoke were not struck with terror, but looked for the day when they should take vengeance for their brethren.

23. Now Robbutleeh had gathered together a mighty host in Pharjinnee, and he had filled that country with forts and with strong places, and had cast up mounds upon the roads, and he laid in wait for Ulysses and George the Meade, and for the army of Unculpsalm.

24. And in the spring-time, even in the month when the men and the women of Gotham were used to seize their household stuff and flee, each one of them out of the house in which he was into another; Ulysses who was called Unculpsalm and George the Meade marched southward. And they crossed the rapid river which is called after the name of Anna, the queen of the land of Jonbool.

25. And when they reached the wilderness of Pharjinnee which lieth south of that river, Robbutleeh came out of his stronghold and marched to meet them.

26. For that wilderness was a howling wilderness, and full of snares, and thickets, and marshes, and quagmires so that horsemen might not fight therein, neither any engine of war be used therein. And there were hills behind which Robbutleeh could march, and only he and his officers knew the way through the snares, and the thickets, and the quagmires.

27. Wherefore Robbutleeh said, I shall drive Ulysses and George the Meade back straightway, even as I drove out Joseph of Kalaphorni, and put them to the sword; for in this place one man can do more to keep back than five to make way.

28. And he fell upon the army of Unculpsalm furiously, and the armies fought together all that day, and neither prevailed. And the next day, or ere the sun had risen, Ulysses

and George the Meade fell upon Robbutleeh. And the battle lasted all the second day. And thrice did Robbutleeh gather his army together in one place to break through the ranks of Unculpsalm; but he prevailed not. And they fought again in the evening of this day; and when the battle was over, the armies of Unculpsalm had not gone one foot backward, but still faced the Phiretahs, and pressed forward against them.

29. And the armies fought hand to hand, and neither the great engines of war nor the horsemen could come into the battle. And there fell in those three days of the men of Unculpsalm, fifteen thousand men, and of the Phiretahs there fell twelve thousand.

30. And when Robbutleeh saw this, and that the men of Unculpsalm still pressed forward, and that of his men which were fallen more were killed than wounded, he saw that he could not destroy Ulysses in the wilderness, but that he might be destroyed there himself, and he marched backward in the night time, and entered into one of his strong places. And in the morning Ulysses marched after him. And he attacked Robbutleeh in his strong place, and prevailed against him, and took captive two thousand soldiers, and two of his great officers, and many engines of war, and many banners. Yet was Robbutleeh not utterly discomfited; for he was in a strong place. And he drew his army closer together to make himself stronger.

31. Then did Ulysses feign that he would attack Robbutleeh in his strong place, but he marched past him craftily in the night, and in the morning when Robbutleeh looked, lo there was peril that Ulysses would fall upon him from behind. So he made haste and marched backward by a shorter road. And as Ulysses was crossing another river called after Anna, Robbutleeh fought against him on the banks of the river; but Ulysses crossed the river in the face of Robbutleeh; and Robbutleeh went backward before him, and crossed yet a third river called after Anna, and encamped in another strong place.

32. And Ulysses, waiting craftily until he saw that Robbutleeh was well encamped in his strong place on the south side of the third river, marched backward in the night over the second river, and downward along its banks swiftly, until he was over against the chief city of the Phiretahs.

33. And again Robbutleeh looked, and behold he was in peril of Ulysses coming in behind him, and between him and his chief city, and cutting him off from food for his men and provender for his horses. And he marched backward yet a third time, and went into the city. And when Ulysses had shut him up within the city, the Phiretahs said that Robbutleeh had put Ulysses just where he wished him to be.

34. And in these days two scribes, which were apostles of the new gospel of peace, Primus who dwelt among the merchants, and Assohkald Eddittah, who to gain the World had lost his own soul, published a proclamation, signed with the name of Abraham and of his chief counsellor, saying,

35. That the warfare of Ulysses had come to naught, and that the people should fast in sack-cloth and ashes, and that there was need for four hundred thousand more men for the armies of Unculpsalm.

36. Now the proclamation was a false proclamation, and nevertheless were the people much cast down by it, for they knew not that it was false; and the money-changers got great gains thereby.

37. And Abraham saw that the matter was weighty; and he said unto Jonaydies, Go now and seize, these men and their houses, and their writings, that it may be known who hath done this wickedness. And afterwards because he was compassionate, and because the men were of small account, he said, Let the scribes go free, but keep their houses and their writings that no evidence may be destroyed.

38. But it was found that the proclamation was written by another scribe to deceive all the scribes in Gotham, but that all of them were careful not to publish it, except only Primus and Assohkald Eddittah. And when this was shown

unto Abraham, he said, Ye are guilty in that ye were not more careful; but take your houses, and your books, and your writings again. I know that hereafter as heretofore ye will revile me daily; but what is that to me? Go in peace. But for that which ye have already suffered, it is no more than ye ought to suffer because that by your carelessness ye did so mislead and afflict the people.

39. Then the other scribes that they might magnify their office, and that their craft might not be in danger and set at naught, wrote in their books against Abraham, saying that he ought not to have seized upon Primus and Assohkald Eddittah, and their houses, and their writings.

40. But, except the Kopur-hedds and the followers of John See of Mah Rippozah, all the people said, Amen.

41. And straightway Primus and Assohkald Eddittah began again to revile Abraham, saying daily that he was a traitor, and a tyrant, and one that sought to grind the people to powder, and defy the Great Covenant, and destroy the nation; but chiefly they did declare that he was an oppressor, because that he would suffer no man to speak or to write evil of him.

42. And again Abraham ministered occasion unto his enemies. For there came a man from Kewbah who had sold an hundred and fifty niggahs that were free into bondage, for his own profit, although he was an officer appointed by the queen of that country, to prevent the bringing of niggahs to be sold there. And after he had received the money he fled to the land of Uneulpsalm.

42. And the Queen of Kewbah sent an ambassador unto Abraham, saying, Give me this man that he may be judged according to the law of his own country. And Abraham sent officers and took the man, and gave him to the queen.

44. And thereupon the Kopur-hedds, and the disappointed men, and Pshawdee, and all of his sort, yea verily, and even the men which cared only for the everlasting Niggah, said, Behold, Abraham hath given us another martyr. Four had we before, and now a fifth is vouchsafed unto us. For to

Clement the lawgiver, Abraham hath added Primus and Assohkald Eddittah the scribes, John See of Mah Rippoza, and this negro-stealer from Kewbah.

45. And they sought to stir up the people, saying, Hath not this land hitherto been a refuge for the oppressed and an asylum for them which were persecuted by the kings of the earth? And now this man of Kewbah hath only stolen one hundred and fifty negroes and sold them into slavery, and the queen of that land seeketh to oppress and to persecute him by bringing him before judges to be tried by the law; and Abraham giveth him a prisoner into her hands. Alas! who shall comfort us! for now have we seen the day of our humiliation.

46. But the people said, How are we humiliated? And as for this man, is it not rather he which is an oppressor? Yea verily, and by the laws of all lands is he an outcast and worse than a murderer. And shall our banner be a refuge and our land an asylum for such as these?

47. And it was told unto Abraham that the Kopur-hedds and the outlandish men, and the men that thought only of the everlasting Niggah, had joined themselves together to judge him in this matter. And Abraham said, Behold now this remindeth me of a parable. (For he often spake in parables; and the people said, He learneth these parables of Eumun Aytsher and Kawmunz Entz, his familiar spirits.)

48. A certain man had a large household which was at strife within itself. And some of the members said, We will no longer be of this household; but we will depart, and we will destroy the house and the barns and the buildings, and will divide the household stuff and carry off our part thereof, so that there shall no longer be the same household.

49. Now, these were of one mind. But the remainder were at strife among themselves; and it was chiefly about the manner of serving and the payment and receipt of money, and the treatment of strangers; and some said one thing and some another.

50. Then the master of that household said, What shall I

do? I will withstand them that would destroy the household, but I must also reconcile the remainder one with another, else I cannot do the former thing, and we shall all perish.

51. And he did so; and he withstood the destroyers, and day by day he reconciled some of the remainder one with another; and these held up his hands. But the others said, Not so; for we will not have this household reconciled, except the serving and the money and the treatment of strangers, be as it seems good unto us; and these hated each other day by day more and more, and feared more and more that they should be reconciled. And they each sought to cast out the master of the household; but they could not.

52. But it came to pass that on a certain day they said one to another, Come, let us forget our enmity for a certain time that we may join together to cast out the master of the household, that when he is cast out we may contend without let or hindrance, and that this household may be no more afflicted with reconciliation.

53. Which now, therefore, think ye most loved that household, the master thereof and they that were reconciled, or they that would not be reconciled, and that sought to cast out him that would reconcile them? And which think ye would prevail against the other, they that were of one mind, or the remainder that were at strife among themselves?

54. And Ulysses, after he had threatened to take the chief city of the Ephephvees from the north side thereof, marched suddenly to the river called Djeemz, and attacked the city upon the south side.

55. Then said all the men who would have had Litulmak the Unready made chief ruler, Lo, Ulysses doeth that which Litulmak hath done before him. (For Litulmak had also marched to the Djeemz, with Robbutleeh hard after him.) And they glorified the wisdom of Litulmak.

56. And it was told unto Abraham that the Kunsuvvutivs and the Kopur-hedds said thus. And Abraham answered

and said, They speak truly ; for both Litulmak and Ulysses did go from the north side of the city of the Ephephvees unto the river Djeemz. And this remindeth me of another little parable.

57. Two men entered into an house ; but they entered it not together. And both of these men went out of that house ; but they also went not out together.

58. And the first was thrust out by the neck and shoulders, and was beaten until he was half dead. But the last went out because he would go, and they that were in the house were not able either to stay him or to follow him.

59. Judge ye now, therefore, which of these men was like unto Litulmak, and which was like unto Ulysses.

60. Now certain of the men of Jonbool, shipmen, had builded great ships for Jeph the Repudiator, ships of war. And they had put on them great engines of war made in the land of Jonbool ; and the sailors and the fighting men therein were men of Jonbool.

61. And to be captain of the chiefest of these ships Jeph sent one named Raphael (not the angel.)

62. Yet like the angel Gabriel did he blow a trumpet ; but it was his own trumpet. For after the manner of the Tshivulree and the Phiretahs he was a boaster.

63. And sailing over the seas to the four corners of the earth, this Raphael did nothing but seize the ships belonging to the merchants of the land of Unculpsalm, and blow his own trumpet in the land of Jonbool and in the land of the Pahlivoos.

64. But he fled from the ships which Abraham sent out over the seas to search for him ; and as he fled he burned and destroyed them which could not fight with him, and blew his trumpet, and the echoes thereof were heard in the land of Jonbool and of the Pahlivoos.

65. And at the last one of the ships of Unculpsalm which had searched for him a long time and found him not, overtook him in a haven in the land of the Pahlivoos over against the land of Jonbool, as thou goest down to the great sea.

And the captain of the ship laid in wait for Raphael to do battle with him.

66. And Raphael saw that he could no longer flee. Then he blew his trumpet, and said, Go to, I will no longer suffer this Iangkie to hang out his banner before my face and to defy me. And he wrote a letter to the Iangkie captain saying,

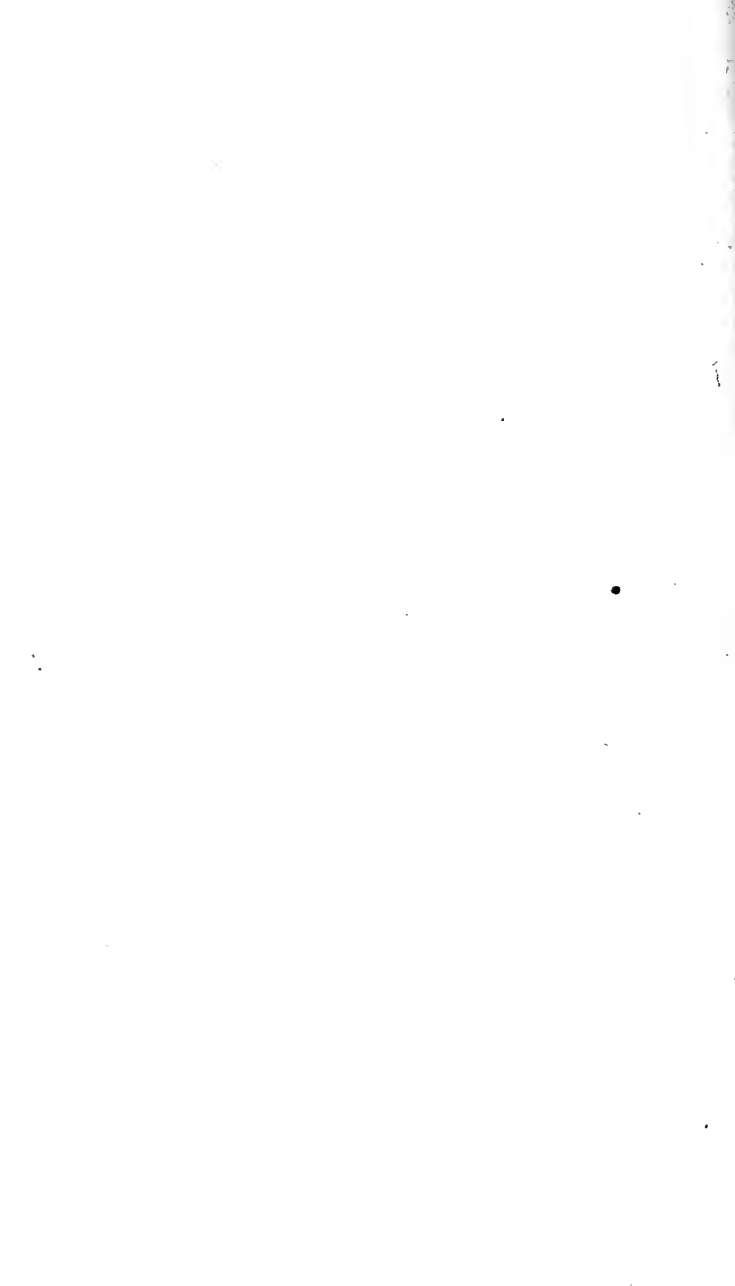
67. Tarry but two days; flee not away; and I will come out to fight with thee, and I will give thy flesh to the fish of the sea. Who art thou that thou shouldst stand before me? For such was the manner of speech among the Phiretahs.

68. And the captain of the ship of Unculpsalm answered him nothing; but awaited his coming silently, after the manner of the Iangkies.

69. So he went out; and the ships fought together. And the ship of Unculpsalm quickly had the mastery over the other and destroyed it, that it sank into the deep, and the waters closed over it forever.

70. And the men of Unculpsalm, and chiefly the merchants and the shipmen, when they heard of these things, rejoiced and took courage. But when the men of Jonbool saw the ship which they had builded, and the engines of war which they had made, and the sailors which were of their land thus brought to naught, they were filled with wonder, and their hearts were troubled; for they thought that the day of reckoning drew nigh.

71. And all of the wonderful acts that were done in the land of Unculpsalm after these things, of the battles of Ulysses, and the government of Abraham, of the end of Pshawdee and of John See of Mah Rippozah, until peace was restored unto that land, are they not written in the book of the vision of Benjamin, the brother of Phernandiwd?



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CHAPTER I.

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1. Now after these things ^a the time came when the people of the land of Unculpsalm should choose again a man to rule over them.

^a The things which are written in the Third Book of the New Gospel of Peace.

2. For it was the chief delight of the people of that land to busy themselves about the choosing of their chief ruler; so that they occupied themselves with it by day, and talked one with another about it when they sat at meat, and when they lay down and when they rose up, and gave their thoughts to it in the watches of the night.

3. And when a chief ruler was chosen so it was that the people began straightway to strive one with the other as to who should be chief ruler after him; and he who had been made chief ruler sought first of all things to cause himself to be chosen again.

4. So that when any man came before him, or wrote a letter to him, asking that he would make him his officer, or cause justice to be done to him, or grant favor unto him, he said not, Hail! my lord that is chief ruler over the land of Unculpsalm, but, Hail my lord! chief ruler that is to be hereafter.

5. And about those days the army of the Bhum Urs marched into the South. Now these were not of Ur of the Chaldees, but of Bhum Ur of the Raoudees.

6. And the chief captain of the Bhum Urs was a mighty soldier before the Lord; and he was called the Shear-Man because that he cut his way into the country of the Phiretahs which is called the land of Dicksee, and shore it in twain.

7. This did he entering it not from the North over the border of Masunandiesun, but south of the land of Ohlcaintuk, where the people are mighty and fearful to behold, for their upper parts be like unto a horse and their lower parts be like unto an alligator, and the sound of their neighing goeth over the land.

8. And the Bhum Urs left the land of Ohlcaintuk on the North, and went by the way of Chatter-niggah (for it is the country of the everlasting niggah) even as thou goest down to Hadal-antah which is in the land of Jahrji.

9. And it was at Chatter-niggah that Ulysses had overcome the army of the Phiretahs that Jeph the Repudiator had sent to drive the Iangkies beyond the borders of Ohlcaintuk, and that Joseph of Kalaphorni fought them upon the mountain top above the clouds and drove them out of their stronghold.

10. And when Ulysses was made chief captain over all the armies of Unculpsalm, he sent for the Shear-Man and his Bhum Urs to come to Chatter-niggah.

11. And afterward in the spring time of the year the army of the Bhum Urs marched southward into Jahrji, and went up against Hadal-antah to take it.

12. But the way from Chatter-niggah to Hadal-antah was long, and it lay through mountains and narrow valleys and strong places, and in these the Phiretahs fortified themselves. But the Shear-Man cut his way through them, after his manner, and stood before Hadal-antah.

13. Now when men saw that the way from Chatter-niggah was long, and that the army of the Bhum Urs was fain to march slowly and fight warily, and when they saw that Ulysses himself

and George the Mede still lay on the South of the chief city of the Phiretahs without taking it;

14. The hearts of the feeble-minded began to fail them, and many of them joined themselves unto the sect of the Oueceneas.

15. Now there were certain Phiretahs which had fled into the land of the Kahnux which bordered the land of Unculpsalm on the north, and which was a province of the empire of Jonbool; and they dwelt there, working mischief against the land of Unculpsalm, and in this they were mightily holpen and encouraged by the Kahnux.

16. And these men called unto them one named Kullah-Rahdo, one of the simple ones, which did their bidding, and said unto him,

17. Get thee unto Horatius the scribe who dwelleth in Gotham, and who is the chief of the sect of the Oueceneas, and say unto him that the Phiretahs are willing now to make peace with the men of Unculpsalm, and that it pleaseth us to receive an offer of truce from Abraham and his council that we may lay it at the feet of our master Jeph the Repudiator.

18. Now Kullah-Rahdo had published his folly to all the land of Unculpsalm, so that his name was a by-word for foolishness to all the men of that land. Likewise were the Phiretahs in the land of the Kahnux known to be crafty men and stiff-necked. Yet did Horatius the scribe hearken unto the message, and sent letters about it unto Abraham, saying,

19. That now he might make peace and confirm it with writings, and pay the Phiretahs for their niggahs, and glorify himself, and Horatius the scribe and Kullah-Rahdo for ever.

20. And he himself hastened to meet the Phiretah men at the place of the Falling Waters. This did he because he was chief of the sect of the Oueceneas.

21. But Abraham said within himself, Behold now, do I not see through this matter as plainly as any man, unless he be Horatius, the scribe, or Kullah-Rahdo, his yoke fellow, may see through a millstone in which there hath been a hole made to turn it withal?

22. And he sent a message to Horatius, but it was not written to him nor to the Phiretahs, but unto all nations and unto all peoples, saying :

23. If there be any man that hath power and authority to make a covenant, even a covenant that shall be kept, that the Phiretahs shall lay down their arms and go each man unto his own home and obey the laws of the land of Unculpsalm, and that the Niggahs shall be set free for ever ; let him come unto me, and no man shall do him harm coming or going.

24. Then did the hearts of the Phiretahs at the place of the Falling Waters sink within them. For they saw that Abraham was wiser than Horatius in his generation, and that their craft had failed them, and that Abraham and the men of Unculpsalm would fight the battle even unto the end.

25. But they put a bold face upon the matter, after their fashion, and they said unto Horatius, What is this to which thou hast bidden us ? We looked for an offer of peace, and behold thou hast brought upon us a buffet. Get thee gone, for we will none of thee.

26. Then Horatius gat him home quickly. And the people remembered how that in the beginning he had said, Let the Phiretahs go, with their Provinces, and keep their everlasting Niggah. And the people laid all these things up in their hearts.

CHAPTER II.

1 *The Phiretahs march into the province of Schaddbellee.* 2 *The Kopur-hedds assemble at the city of the Ooze-yahs.* 5 *The Shear-Man taketh Hadal-andtah,* 6 *And the Kopur-hedds are cast down.* 9 *Philscurry-down discomfiteth Jew Bahlurlec in the valley of the Shinning Door,* 13 *And in Kewbah.* 17 *Certain Phiretahs join themselves together,* 21 *And rob a village in the land of Unculpsalm.* 26 *Jonaydics ordereth them to be pursued into the land of the Kahnux.*

1. And after these things the army of the Phiretahs marched again into the province of Schaddbellee, and carried off spoil, and burned a town therein. And when men saw this and saw

that the Shear-Man had not yet cut his way into Hadal-antah, and that Ulysses still lay with the army of George the Mede south of the chief city of the Phiretahs,

2. Then the Kopur-hedds and the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats and certain of the Oucecneas, gathered themselves together at the chief city of the Ooze-yahs to declare whom they would set up before the people to be chosen chief ruler.

3. And the chief of the Kopur-hedds was Horatio, who was surnamed the Seemer, and the chief of the sect of Smalphri was Augustus the money-changer; and Augustus they made ruler of the assembly for a little while, because he *was* chief of the sect of Smalphri, and because he was rich, but the chief man of the assembly and the ruler thereof was Horatio the Seemer.

4. And they declared that Litulmak was the man whom the Kopur-hedds delighted to honor, and whom the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats would choose for chief ruler of the land of Unculpsalm.

5. Now it came to pass that while the assembly in which Horatio the Seemer and Augustus the money-changer were chief men, did these things, that the chief captain of the Bhum Urs enticed the captain of the Phiretahs with his army out of Hadal-antah, and he fell upon him and cut his army in twain, and smote them hip and thigh, and pursued them until they were weary, and then marched back and took Hadal-antah. And this was noised abroad over the land as the men of that assembly departed to their homes.

6. Then did the countenances of the Kopur-hedds fall and their hearts failed them as aforetime, when George the Mede obtained the victory over Robbutleeh, and when Ulysses took the city of Wickedsburg.

7. And they said one to another, why hath this calamity fallen upon us, and what is our iniquity that the armies of Unculpsalm should be victorious?

8. But the Dimmichrats which loved the land of Unculpsalm better than they loved the triumph of their own faction, rejoiced

greatly, and likewise did all the other men of that land, save them that had joined themselves unto the Kopur-hedds or unto the Queceneas.

9. Moreover, about those days, Philscurrydown, a great captain in the army of Unculpsalm, who was mighty in battle riding upon a horse, and who was captain of horse in the army of George the Mede,

10. Having been sent by Ulysses, the chief captain, fell upon Jew Bahlurlee in the valley of the Shinning Door, which is the chief entrance from the land of the Phiretahs into the land of the Iangkies. And because the Iangkies and the Phiretahs had chased each other back and forth through this valley, and because in the tongue of the men of Ouahlstreat, men who run back and forth are said to shin, this valley is called the valley of the Shinning Door unto this day.

11. And Philscurrydown fought against Jew Bahlurlee three times, and each time he smote him and had the victory over him, and pursued him with slaughter, and took his engines of war, and more than half of them that were left alive he took captive.

12. And no more was heard of Jew Bahlurlee, until he fled and took ship and went and dwelt in Kewbah. And then he began railing and boasting after the manner of the Phiretahs, saying that he would have had the victory over Philscurrydown, save that he had only a few men, and that Philscurrydown had many.

13. But when Philscurrydown heard this, he said, Behold this book, wherein are written the names of the men which I took captive from Jew Bahlurlee, and the numbers of his slain that I buried; and the numbers of the captives and of the slain are more than all that Jew Bahlurlee saith were in his army. Moreover, the number of great engines of war that I took from him is greater than belongeth to his army, according to his showing, and more than could be carried by them, as every man who is captain of a company well knoweth.

14. And then Jew Bahlurlee was put to shame before all men. For it was said a strong man may be discomfited, but only he that is mean in spirit seeketh to cover his calamity with lies.

15. And Philscurrydown laid that valley waste with fire and sword, so that no army of the Phiretahs might live therein; and it is also called the Valley of Destruction unto this day.

16. Now Philscurrydown was small of stature, and he was of the race of the Pahdees.

17. And while he was driving Jew Bahlurlee and his army out of the valley of the Shinning Door, and laying waste that valley, certain of the Phiretahs who had gone into the land of the Kahnux, that they might work evil against the Iangkies, and who were made much of in that land,

18. Banded themselves together, and took arms in their hands, and went over into the land of Unculpsalm into a village of the Iangkies.

19. And they hid their arms under their garments, and the Iangkies knew not that they were Phiretahs; for the Iangkies and the Phiretahs being of one blood and one speech, when the Phiretahs carried themselves peaceably and went not about blaspheming and slaying, no one could tell that they were Phiretahs.

20. Now in this village there was no army, nor any fighting men, neither did the armies of Unculpsalm dwell in the country round about or pass through it, as the armies of the Phiretahs did in the valley of the Shinning Door.

21. And after they had sojourned many days in the village and dwelt with the inhabitants thereof so that they might spy out the land, they dispersed themselves through the village, and at a certain hour with one consent they entered the houses and the stables and the shops of the artificers, and began to lay hands upon their gold and their silver and their horses and their cattle.

22. And because of the war there were few in the village save old men and women and children; for most of the young men were in the armies of Unculpsalm.

23. And before the few that were in the village could gather themselves together, the Phiretahs mounted the horses they had taken and began to ride out of the village. And those that attempted to hinder them they fell upon and wounded sorely, and went on their way rejoicing.

24. But the young men that were left in the village assembled quickly, and got other horses and pursued the Phiretahs. Yet could they not come up with them before they had passed the border of the land of Unculpsalm into the land of the Kahnux. So they escaped.

25. For the land of the Kahnux was part of the dominions of the Queen of Jonbool; and an evil doer in the one country could not be taken in the other save by a demand made by one chief ruler upon the other.

26. But Jonaydies, who was captain in that region, said this is not the evil doing of one man against another man: this is the doing of the Phiretahs who have invaded our land from the land of the Kahnux, coming because they were our enemies, but carrying themselves not like soldiers but like robbers.

27. Therefore he commanded his officers saying, Pursue and overtake and spare not; and stay not your pursuing when ye come to the borders of the land of the Kahnux, but pass over, and if ye find the men, fall upon them and hew them in pieces before the Lord. And all the people said, Amen.

CHAPTER III.

1 *Zoord* 5 *Becometh chief counsellor.* 6 *Is hated by the men of Jonbool and the Pahlivoos, because he prophesieth against them.* 11 *He causeth the command of Jonaydies to be disobeyed.* 15 *The Kahnux let the Phiretahs escape.* 16 *Zoord's decree.*

1. Now the chief of Abraham's counsellors was Bilhe, whose surname was Zoord.

2. And Zoord was wise, and he had served the land of Unculpsalm as a lawgiver and a counsellor from the time when

he was thirty years old until now the hair of his head was gray. And he was held in honor throughout the land of Unculpsalm, except among the Kopurhedds and the Phiretahs.

3. And even the Phiretahs although they hated his counsels found no occasion against him, and had respect unto him; for he was a courteous man and a subtle.

4. And men said that he should have been chief ruler instead of Abraham, if it had not been for Horatius the scribe. And they looked that he should oppose himself unto Abraham; but he was without envy, and served the land of Unculpsalm in pureness of heart.

5. And when Abraham said unto him, Behold now thou hast wisdom to govern and art cunning to make laws and covenants, and art a man of experience among rulers, and can divine; and I am a simple man, without experience among rulers; be therefore my chief counsellor; then Bilhe consented and became the chief counsellor of Abraham.

6. Now the rulers of the land of Jonbool, and the lords thereof, and the scribes and the pharisees, and the merchants and the shipmen hated Bilhe whose surname was Zoord.

7. For when they sought the downfall of Unculpsalm, and would have fought against her in the day of her calamity, he took away occasion from them, and he prophesied against them, declaring continually that the Phiretahs would come to naught, and that the greatness and the power and the glory of that land should endure forever. Wherefore the men of Jonbool hated him with an exceeding great hatred.

8. And the king of the Pahlivoos and his counsellors said one to another, What doth it matter what this babbler sayeth? Let us not turn back therefor, but go on and get gold and glory in Meesicho. But Zoord heeded neither the hatred of the men of Jonbool, nor the scoffing of the great ones among the Pahlivoos, and he said unto them,

9. Behold now the pride and the naughtiness of your hearts; I tell you that the day is coming, and will soon come, when ye shall be at your wits' end in this matter, and shall repent your-

selves in dust and ashes. But they heeded him not, and went on their way, both them of Jonbool and the Pahlivoos.

10. And now again he took away occasion from them ; for he went unto Abraham and he said unto him,

11. Let my lord live forever, and be ruler of the land for a second time. Let my lord hearken unto his servant concerning the command of Jonaydies ; which indeed would do justice unto the Phiretahs, and unto the Kahnux, and unto the men of Jonbool, but which would work confusion for us hereafter.

12. For either this band of Phiretahs are robbers or they are soldiers who obey the command of Jeph and of his officers. Now if they be robbers they have offended against our law, and must be demanded by thy servant to be punished ; and if soldiers, then they have offended against the laws of the land of Jonbool, and we can neither demand them for to be punished nor join battle with them except within our own borders, unless we do that which is cause of war among all nations.

13. Let us not do thus unwisely ; because we have an account to settle with the rulers of the land of Jonbool because of the ships that the men of Jonbool have furnished to the Phiretahs to our harm ; and this matter is greater than the other by an hundredfold.

14. Let my lord Abraham therefore issue a proclamation that the command of Jonaydies be not obeyed, that we may come to our great accounting with clean hands.

15. And Abraham consented, and the command was not obeyed. And demand was made upon the rulers of the Kahnux for the Phiretahs ; but they gave them not up, but let them escape ; for the people desired it, and the judges winked at the matter.

16. Then Zoord issued a decree in the name of Abraham,—saying that no man might come from the land of the Kahnux into the land of Ueulpalm unless he had a writing sealed with the seal of the ambassador of Abraham in the land of the Kahnux, showing that he was neither a Phiretah nor other robber. And the writing cost five pieces of silver.

17. And for because there was great traffic between those lands, and men went back and forth every day about their business, there went up a great cry thereat. And before many days the Kahnux sent messengers unto Zoord, and said,

18. Let not my lord lay his hand so heavily upon his servants. For my lord hath touched his servants where they are most tender, even in their business and in their pockets. Take now away, we beseech thee, thine hand from off thy servants, and let them go back and forth about their business as aforetime, and thy servants will undertake that their borders shall be guarded, that no Phiretahs nor no manner of robbers pass over them to do evil unto the land of Unculpsalm.

19. And when Bilhe, whose surname was Zoord, saw that they were in the dust before him, although he wielded not the sword, he was gracious unto them, and he revoked the decree.

CHAPTER IV.

1 *The choice of Abraham the second time.* 4 *Andrew, whose surname was Jon-sing.* 9 *Is set up to be the second ruler of the land of Unculpsalm.* 10 *And is chosen.* 11 *The Phiretahs seek to burn Gotham.* 18 *Phineas who was called Umbuggah.* 20 *Hiram the Publican.*

1. And it came to pass, that after these things about the time of the new moon, the people met together in their cities, in their towns, and their villages to choose their chief ruler.

2. And Abraham was chosen. And the multitude of them that gave their voices for Abraham was so great, that the Kopur-hedds and the set of Smallphri among the Dimmichrats and the Ouceeneas hid their heads and crept away from the sight of men. And Primus the scribe, who dwelt among the merchants, said, Behold I will write no more to instruct the people of this land and the rulers thereof; but I will pour out the wealth of my wisdom before the merchants.

3. Now there was chosen with the chief ruler of the land of Unculpsalm, a man to rule in his stead if he should die before

the time for which he was chosen was ended, or if he should be smitten with grievous sickness or have a devil.

4. And the men who had set up Abraham to be chosen a second time, looked about for a man to be set up with him, to rule if need be in his stead. And their eyes fell upon Andrew, whose surname was Jon-sing.

5. Now this Andrew had aforetime made garments for the Phiretahs. And he was cunning to make garments of woollen; so that they who before the time when Andrew came among them, had worn raiment made by the sons of Mizphit, ceased from wearing it and bought garments of Andrew. Wherefore Andrew was hated of the sons of Mizphit.

6. And Andrew waxed rich, and came to be one of the law-givers of the land of Unculpsalm, and sat in the great council of the nation. And it was of the Niggahs that he was called Jon-sing. Likewise there were many Niggahs that called themselves Jon-sing.

7. And when the Phiretahs rebelled they said unto him, come with us, and be one of us! But he spurned them, and said, Get from before my face; for God do so to me and more also, if I rest day or night until ye are hanged, each one of you for this iniquity.

8. Therefore when the Phiretahs were subdued, and brought to naught in the province where Andrew dwelt, Abraham made Andrew governor thereof.

9. And the men said one to another, Behold now this Andrew, whose surname is Jon-sing, and who is governor of his province, is he not wise, and hath he not been faithful among the faithless and served this nation, taking his life in his hand?

10. Let us therefore set him up to be chosen as the second ruler in the land. And they set him up, and he was chosen.

11. And about these days certain of the Phiretahs which had gone to dwell in the land of the Kahnux took counsel together to destroy the city of Gotham and all that was therein.

12. And they sent not an army to march against it and take it; but they took to themselves certain men, and said to them,

13. Go ye now into the city of Gotham, and go to the inns there, and take lodging as friends: and say each of you unto his host, Give me now a convenient chamber that I may lodge with thee; and look ye that your chambers be suitable unto that for which ye are sent. And some of you go unto the houses where men players and women players play before the people.

14. Take also with you oil and brimstone. And it shall be that upon a day appointed ye shall with one consent pour the oil and the brimstone upon your beds, and upon the floors of the chambers under your beds, and in hidden places in the other houses ye shall pour them, and ye shall set fire to them, and so shall they be burned, and the houses round about.

15. In the night shall ye do it, that the city being fired in many places when the men are asleep there shall be none to extinguish the fires until the city be ready to be consumed even like unto Sodom and Gomorrah.

16. And certain of the Phiretahs were pricked in their consciences and said, Is it lawful for us to do this thing? For do not all men who go to an inn trust each unto the faith of the other while they are in the inn together, even although they be enemies? And doth not the host receive them, also trusting them? And are there not women and children in the inns which shall be consumed therewith?

17. But the others would not hearken unto these, and answered them saying, We seek not to burn the women and children but only the houses; and if there be any women and children in the houses, their blood shall be upon their own heads.

18 And the men did as they had been commanded, and they set fire to many inns. Likewise also did they to the house of Phineas, who was called Umbuggah, wherein were many players and women players, and harlots, and marvellous beasts and fishes; even leviathan. And as it is written he causeth the deep to boil like a pot, who can stir him up? Phineas had him there in the pot, and had one to stir him up. Also the whale that Jonah swallowed and his gourd that withered away; and Jonah was outside of the whale, and sat in the shadow of the gourd.

19. But Ken-Edce, chief of the watchmen, had heard of the device of the Phiretahs, and had set his watchmen to watch them. And they watched for the men, and took some of them and stopped the fires, so that the city was not burned.

20. Now the Phiretahs had set fire to many of the great inns in Gotham, but to the house of Hiram the publican they set not fire; wherefore men said, Behold how Hiram the publican is bound unto the Phiretahs and is one with them, for they set not fire to his inn, neither consumed they his habitation.

21. And Hiram answered and said, Go to, now, must I set mine inn on fire to show that I am faithful unto the government of Unculpsalm? And he laughed them to scorn.

CHAPTER V.

1 *The Shear-Man cutteth his way to the sea.* 3 *Thomas discomfiteh a Phiretah Captain.* 7 *Ulysses marcheth against Robbutleeh again, and discomfiteh him.* 11 *Jeph the Repudiator fleeth.* 13 *The song of the Niggahs.* 24 *The men of Gotham are drunken with wine.* 25 *Ulysses again hath the victory.* 30 *Robbutleeh layeth down his arms,* 34 *And also the other captains of the Phiretahs.*

1. And it came to pass that after these things the Captain of the Bhum Urs marched westward through the breadth of the land of Dicsee even unto the sea shore. And the Phiretahs spoke very fierce words against him, and prophesied evil against him, and filled the land with their roarings after their fashion.

2. But the Shear-man heeded not the fierceness of their words or their prophesying or their roarings, and marched onward. And the Phiretahs called upon Robbutleeh to send help unto them, but Ulysses held him fast so that he could not. And the Phiretahs fled from before the Bhum Urs and the Shear-man cut his way onward through the land.

3. Moreover, about his time the Phiretah captain whom the Shear-man had driven out of Hadal-antah, gathered together a great army and marched against Thomas, a captain in the armies of Unculpsalm, whom his soldiers called Safety.

4. (Now this Thomas came out of Pharjinnee, and was one of the Ephephvees. Yet was he faithful to the land of Unculpsalm.)

5. And Thomas marched backward, and drew the Phiretahs after him and away from the army of the Bhum Urs. And when he had drawn them far westward into the land, he went into a little city there; and the Phiretahs sat down before it, and boasted that they would take him captive and put his army to the sword.

6. Then Thomas gathered his army together, and marched out of the city, and fell upon the Phiretahs while their boastings and their cursings were in their mouths: And he discomfited them with great slaughter, and they fled from before him, and he pursued after them many days, and slew them as they fled; and their boasting was turned into wailing and gnashing of teeth, so that the city where Thomas fell upon them is called Gnashfill unto this day.

7. And after these things Ulysses saw that his time was come, and that the occasion wherefor he had waited and watched and toiled for many days had been given unto him.

8. And he marched upon Robbutleeh while his army was yet in the forts and the strong places that he had made. And Ulysses had the victory, and drove Robbutleeh out of his forts and his strong places.

9. And it was the Sabbath day. And Jeph the Repudiator sat in the synagogue which is in the chief city of the Phiretahs; and the chief men of the Phiretahs, Ephephvees, were about him, And as he sat there came a messenger to him from Robbutleeh, saying,

10. Thy servant is discomfited, but not yet destroyed. Nevertheless he can no longer hold the city. Save thyself, thou and thy household and thy counsellors, and flee; for Ulysses is upon thee.

11. And Jeph went straightway out of the synagogue to his house, and began to gather his gold and his silver and his stuff. And the thing was noised abroad in the city, and there was

great commotion. And the Phiretahs fled from that city and from the villages round about, leaving only their women and children. And Jeph fled southward before them, uttering boastings, and making proclamations.

12. And as Jeph was fleeing out of the city a company of Niggahs which had joined themselves unto the armies of Unculpsalm entered it from the other side; and as they entered they lifted up their voices with one accord and sang, saying,

13. Tell unto me Niggahs, and declare unto me oh ye of woolly locks and a dark countenance, have you seen the lord, have you seen the master?

14. Whose beard is upon his face and above his mouth upon his face?

15. Have you seen him pass this way since the dawning, looking like one who goeth hastily into a far country?

16. He saw the smoke, the smoke rose up before him on the river, and he said,

17. Oh my soul, these are the ships of Father Abraham.

18. Then he covered his head; he put on the covering of his head; he covered his head speedily, his head-covering he put on with haste. He departed, he went swiftly: he departed covering his head with haste.

19. It seemeth unto me that he hath fled, and my soul saith within herself, he hath skedaddled.

20. Behold the master fleeth, the lord passeth away.

21. But the servant remaineth, the Niggah abideth for ever.

22. For he is the everlasting Niggah.

23. Lo now the kingdom cometh, and the year of Jubilee is at hand; and the Niggah shall rule in the land, and the master shall be cast down under his feet.

24. And the news of the fall of the city was spread abroad over the land upon the lightnings of the heavens. And there were great rejoicings, and feastings, so that that night all the city of Gotham was drunken with wine. Likewise was it in many other cities of the Iangkies. And the Kopurhedds were abased, and the Oueecneas vanished away, so that not one of them

was found thereafter, and the sect of Smalphri among the Dimichrats was swallowed up in the victory of the Eunyunmen.

25. And Robbutleeh essayed to flee westward with his army among the mountains. But Ulysses pursued after him and overtook him, and fell upon him with great slaughter.

26. And his army saw that their cause was lost, and many of them fell behind, and wandered into the wilderness, or went homeward, for there was no power to keep them. But many were faithful unto the end.

27. And it came to pass that Ulysses with his army got before Robbutleeh with his army, and cut him off and hemmed him in on every side. And he could have fallen upon Robbutleeh and the remnant of his army and put every man to the sword and cut them off from the face of the earth.

28. But he had compassion upon them and respect unto them; for Ulysses was not a man of blood. And he sent a messenger unto Robbutleeh, saying:

29. Behold now the end has come, and thou and thine army are in the hands of thy servant. Lay down thine arms now, and let there be peace between thee and me; and our Father Abraham shall pardon thee, and receive thee again as one of the children of Unculpsalm, and treat thee with honor, thee and thine officers, and all that are with thee.

30. But at first Robbutleeh would not; for he was stout-hearted and stiffnecked. But afterward he considered the matter, and for the sake of them that were with him he consented.

31. And he and his captains and his officers and his soldiers laid down their arms, and gave themselves up captives.

32. And there was an apple-tree where Robbutleeh gave himself up. That it might be fulfilled as it was written, We will hang Jeph the Repudiator upon a bitter apple-tree. And that tree grew and multiplied so that it filled the whole land of Unculpsalm.

33. But Ulysses sent them every man to his own home, saying only, See that ye obey the laws of the land of Uncul-

psalm, and have respect unto the proclamations of our Father Abraham. And he gave them horses to ride upon; for the way was long and the road that they had travelled was hard. And he said, keep the horses, that ye may till your fields and gather in your harvests.

34. Now when the other Phiretah captains saw that Robbutleeh had laid down his arms, they laid down their arms, all save one upon the farthest border on the south-west as thou goest into the land of Meesicho.

35. And it was in the spring time, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month that Robbutleeh laid down his arms; and before the sowing of the latter wheat was accomplished, the other captains had done likewise. And about the time of the barley harvest, there was peace in the land of Unculpsalm; so that the men who fought gathered in the latter wheat harvest. For when the war was over each man returned unto his own home.

CHAPTER VI.

1 *The Phiretahs are dismayed at their defeat.* 5 *Some submit themselves.* 8 *But others plan another ministration of the New Gospel of Peace.* 13 *They band themselves together to slay Abraham and his counsellors, and Ulysses, the chief captain.* 18 *The Durrektahs.* 28 *Abraham is slain.* 32 *The people mourn for Abraham.*

1. Now when the Phiretahs saw that Robbutleeh was discomfited and taken captive, and that Jeph the Repudiator was flying southward, giving out boastings and proclamations.

2. (This was before the other Phiretah captains had laid down their arms.)

3. They were dismayed and said one to another, Now shall we be put to the sword and carried away captive, and hanged upon trees, and roasted with fire, and have hot pitch poured upon us, and be ridden upon sharp beams very grievous to

bestride, even as we did before this war unto the Iangkies when they came among us saying, Do ye unto all men even as ye would have all men do unto you.

4. Behold we are subdued; and our Niggahs, to keep which we would fain have destroyed the government of Unculpsalm, are taken from us.

5. And most of them submitted themselves and put their necks under the yoke. But some of them, as they heard that Jeph the Repudiator was flying southward, giving out boastings and proclamations, conceived wickedness in their hearts, and said, There yet remaineth unto us one opportunity.

6. For although peace seemeth to be coming unto the land, it is not peace according to the new gospel.

7. And it behoveth us that there shall be a new ministration of this gospel, for the ministrations that have been, from the time when Prestenbruux ministered it unto Charles the Summoner unto the day when Phernandiwud ministered it unto the watchmen of Gotham, and until the day when the Pahdees and the friends of Horatio the Seemer ministered it unto the people of Gotham, and the Niggahs that were therein, did not attain unto the power and the majesty and the might that pertaineth unto this gospel.

8. Let there be therefore a new ministration which shall bring us peace according unto the new gospel, which shall cause all ministrations which have been heretofore to seem as nothing, and which shall make an end of the government of Abraham the Honest; for we will not have this man to rule over us.

9. Then they took counsel together, and said one to another; Remember now the ministration of Prestenbruux how it came to naught, was it not because only one man was ministered unto, and he, even Charles the Summoner, was left alive? Let us therefore do no such folly, but let us be thorough in this matter.

10. And they took counsel together to slay Abraham and all his counsellors, and Ulysses, the chief captain, and Andrew, whose surname was Jon-sing, in one night.

11. For they said, Thus shall the government of Unculpsalm come to an end, and the power of the Iangkies shall vanish away, and there shall be confusion among the counsellors, and the armies shall be without a leader, and weakness shall come upon the land as upon a man who fainteth by the wayside.

12. And we shall seize upon the government, and the Kopurhedds shall join themselves unto us, and the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats, and the friends of Horatio the Seemer. For did they not minister the new gospel in unto the officers of Abraham, and unto the Iangkies and the Niggahs that dwelt within Gotham, and the country round about? And we shall rule the land, and the new gospel of peace shall prevail.

13. Then a band of the Phiretahs bound themselves together by an oath, and they laid in wait to slay Abraham and his counsellors, and Ulysses the chief captain, and Andrew, whose surname was Jon-sing, on the same night.

14. Now at the time when the band of the Phiretahs conspired together to slay Abraham and his counsellors, and Ulysses, and Andrew whose surname was Jon-sing, Bilhe, whose surname was Zoord, lay sick in his house.

15. And there came a day whereon Abraham had commanded the banner of Unculpsalm to be raised with great rejoicings upon the ruins of the fort which lay before Tchawlstn, and when he was to go to the hall of the players, that the men players and women players might play before him even as David played upon the harp before Saul. For his head was weary, and his heart was troubled, even in the hour of the triumph of the land of Unculpsalm. And Ulysses the chief captain was to go with him to the hall of the players.

16. And the liers-in-wait said, Behold our opportunity has come; for we can slay Abraham and the chief captain together, and one of us shall slay Bilhe the chief counsellor as he lieth sick upon his bed, and another shall slay Andrew, whose surname is Jon-sing, and others also the other counsellors.

17. And Abraham went to the hall, and sat in a little room in the gallery, he and his wife and one of his captains; and the

men players and women players played before him, and before the people that were in the hall round about. But Ulysses the chief captain went not to the hall with Abraham, but journeyed into the north country.

18. But the liers-in-wait said, We can tarry no longer, let the ministration be this night, even although the chief captain be not with Abraham. Moreover hath he not taken his journey upon a roadway of iron? Mayhap the Lord will deliver him into our hands through the hands of the Durrektahs.

19. Now the Durrektahs were robbers.

20. And they lived upon the roadways of iron (for there were roadways of iron in the land of Unculpsalm through the country and even in the cities thereof), and the Durrektahs enticed the people thereon, men, women and children, saying unto them:

21. Come unto us, for our ways like the ways of wisdom are ways of pleasantness and all our paths are peace.

22. And the people listened unto them, and went upon their roadways, and the Durrektahs took them and thrust them into prison, even prisons upon wheels, noisome and ill-smelling, so that they could not breathe.

23. And on the roadways in the cities the Durrketahs thrust the people by fifties and by hundreds into dungeons, even dungeons upon wheels, until there was not room therein for a man's hand, so that they could neither sit nor stand as it becometh men to sit or stand, but each was held up by being pressed against the other.

24. And the people seethed together in the wheeled dungeons, even as the flesh of a kid is seethed in a pot; and the steam of their seething went up round about them and became the breath of their nostrils; and as they were dragged on in the dungeons, with what breath they had they reviled their tormentors.

25. And when the Durrektahs had taken the money of the people and put them into the wheeled dungeons, oftentimes they killed them, dashing out their brains and breaking their arms

and legs. So that whereas in other countries when one man hated another, he fell upon him with the sword and slew him, or mingled poison with his meat, in the land of Unculpsalm he was gracious unto him, and lent him money and sent him to take a journey upon a roadway of iron whereon there were Durrektahs.

26. Yet the people slew not the Durrektahs; for the Iangkies were long suffering and slow to anger, except men treated them with scorn and reviled them like the men of Jonbool; and the Durrektahs waxed rich and robbed and murdered diligently day by day; and no man hindered them.

27. Wherefore it was that the Phiretahs looked that mayhap Ulysses should be put to death at the hands of the Durrektahs.

28. And it came to pass that while the men players and women players played before Abraham as he sat in the little room, and before the people as they sat in the hall, one of the liers-in-wait entered the room privily and slew him by the side of his wife, and while men stood still with astonishment, he fled and escaped into the wilderness of Pharjinee, even into the country of the Ephephvees.

29. And at the same time another of the same band entered the house of the chief counsellor whose surname was Zoord, saying, Let me see the chief counsellor, for I am come from his physician.

30. And he made his way to the bed-side of the sick, and fell upon him and smote him with the sword, that he fell down upon the ground as one dead. Yet was he not dead.

31. And the lier-in-wait also smote the son of Zoord, and leaving him for dead fled also. But the hearts of the men to whom it had been given to slay the counsellor for war, and Andrew whose surname was Jon-sing, failed them.

32. And there was great sorrow throughout the land when it was known that Abraham was dead, and in the lands beyond the sea. And even in the land of Jonbool, men bewailed them-

selves that he was slain. For all men saw that he had been a just man and a merciful, and that he judged the land in righteousness.

33. And the men of Jonbool sent messages to the land of Unculpsalm, telling the people of that land their sorrow for the slaying of Abraham, and that they held his name in honor.

34. But the Iaugkies answered and said, Ye do well that ye are sorry; but must a ruler of the land of Unculpsalm be slain by liers-in-wait before ye can see that he is worthy of honor? Go to, now, what valueth such honor to him or to us?

35. And men went out into the wilderness after the liers-in-wait, and pursued them upon horses, and one they slew, and the others they took, and they hanged them upon a gallows, and a woman that had been privy to their lying-in-wait.

36. And Abraham's body was embalmed and was taken through the land and through the cities and villages thereof, by the same way by which he had passed when he came from his house, when he was first chosen to be chief ruler, and over which he returned not again alive. And the people which had come out to meet him then to greet him with rejoicing now came sorrowing, and as his coffin passed they uncovered their heads and bowed themselves down before it. And the land mourned Abraham many days.

CHAPTER VII.

1 *Andrew ruleth the land of Unculpsalm. 7 The rulers of Jonbool and the Phiretahs tremble. 9 Jeph the Repudiator fleeth Southward. 11 But is overtaken by the horsemen of Unculpsalm. 17 His wife persuadeth him to put on her garments. 23 He fleeth in them. 25 But discovereth himself. 28 And is taken captive.*

1. And Abraham slept with his fathers, and Andrew, whose surname was Jon-sing, ruled in the land.

2. For the hopes of the Phiretahs were brought to naught and the government of Unculpsalm came not to an end, but

continued according to the Great Covenant; neither was there confusion among the counsellors.

3. For the counsellors and all the people said, Is not Andrew, whose surname is Jon-sing, chosen to be chief ruler in the stead of Abraham? Let the land be ruled as aforetime according to the Great Covenant which is like unto the laws of the Medes and Persians and altereth not.

4. And Ulysses, the chief captain, escaped alive out of the hands of the Durrektahs, so that the armies lacked not a leader; and the land was stronger than it was before the slaying of Abraham.

5. For Robbutleeh and his chief officers, and even all them, save the robbers, among the Phiretahs which went about slaying each other with knives and with shooting irons, declared against this manner of putting to death privily by liers-in-wait. And they said, Behold we are discomfited and subdued, doth it not behove us to submit to the conqueror that he may be merciful unto us and not grind us to powder?

6. And all other nations and peoples were amazed, and said, Lo this is wonderful in our eyes that the Iangkies have subdued the Phiretahs, and more, that when their chief ruler was put to death, although there were factions in the land, the government fell not into confusion; neither did the Iangkies fall upon the Phiretahs and put them to the sword, and visit their own sins upon them, treating them as they had been treated by the Phiretahs, but every man went his way in peace, and justice was done even as aforetime. Such a thing was not known before; no, not since the world began.

7. And the rulers of the other lands and the scribes sought to recommend themselves unto the governors and unto the people of the land of Unculpsalm. For they remembered how they had spoken evil of that land and thrust out the lip at it when they thought the nation might be destroyed and the people divided; how the shipmen of the land of Jonbool had builded war-ships for the Phiretahs and the king of the Pahlivoos had sent over an army into Meesicho, which otherwise he had not

dared to do. For the rulers and the scribes said, Lest these Iangkies, having their army ready to be set in battle array and their war-ships builded, make war upon us.

9. Now as Jeph the Repudiator fled southward, uttering boastings and proclamations, messengers overtook him saying that Robbutleeh had been discomfited, and had laid down his arms, and given himself up captive, and that the other Phiretah captains would do likewise. And when Jeph heard this he stopped his boastings and his proclamations, and fled on the faster. But the horsemen of Unculpsalm followed hard after.

10. And there were with Jeph certain soldiers of the Phiretahs which kept guard over him night and day; and his wife also was with him. And when they rested by the way they went not into villages and houses, but pitched their tents in the fields.

11. And before many days the horsemen of Unculpsalm came up with them, and the Phiretahs fled before them and left Jeph and his wife and their servants in their tents.

12. And Jeph's wife said unto him, Jeph, the Iangkies be upon thee. Flee now for thy life, and take to the woods and the mountains; else they will take thee and hang thee, even as the Iangkie boys have sung, saying,

13. We will hang Jeph the Repudiator upon a tree;

14. Upon an apple tree shall Jeph be hanged;

15. Yea upon a tree that beareth bitter apples shall he be lifted up.

16. And Jeph answered and said, How can I flee, seeing that the Iangkies have surrounded us on every side, and that they know me, and that I am not swift of foot to flee before them; and moreover that they will seize upon every man that cometh out from our tents and carry him away captive or mayhap put him to death instantly?

17. And his wife said Hearken unto me. Behold here are my garments: put them on straightway, and put this bonnet upon thy head, and go out of the tent boldly, and I will go with thee and say thou art my mother.

18. Then Jeph answered and said, I may not put on thy garments; for although it is written that a woman may wear the garment of her husband, even the garment which is unmentionable, and all men know that she often doeth it, it is not written that the husband may wear the garments of the wife.

19. Moreover I have not proved this raiment; and the inner garments are fearfully and wonderfully made, and are like unto a ladder, even a ladder upon which angels' feet are seen even as Jacob saw them when he slept at Padan-aram. And the guiding of these garments is learned only after many trials. And peradventure I shall wear them without showing what they are feigned to conceal, and then will the Iangkies know that I am not a woman.

20. But Jeph's wife hearkened not unto his pleadings, but persuaded him earnestly. And he suffered her to indue him with the garments; and she put them on hastily; for the Iangkies came on apace and the peril was great.

21. And they went out of the tent, she and her husband. And they met certain of the Iangkies who said unto them, We seek Jeph the Repudiator. Tell us now where we may find him, and it shall be well with you.

22. And Jeph's wife answered and said, thy handmaid knoweth not where Jeph is. He was among our tents, but when my lords the Iangkies came he fled, thy handmaid knoweth not whither. Suffer now thy handmaid to depart with her mother who is with her, that they may draw water and they will return again.

23. And the Iangkies suffered them, and turned to look after them as they departed. And Jeph's heart sank within him as he went, and he began to go faster. And the garments cumbered him as he went.

24. Then he thought within himself, O that I might gird up my loins and flee; but I cannot because of the fashion of the garments. Yet may I not lift up the outer garments about my knees, even as I have seen the women of Gotham lift them up, gathering them on each side in their hands, in the street which

is called Broad? Even so shall I show that I know how to wear the garments like a woman; and the Iangkies shall say, It is a woman. And he lifted them.

25. And it came to pass that when Jeph lifted the garments and ran, the Iangkies looking saw his feet and his legs running; and they said one to another,

26. Behold now, and see: the garments are the garments of a woman, but the feet are the feet of a man; neither doth a woman when she raiseth her garments stride in this fashion with her legs, but mineeth her steps.

27. And they saw it was a man, and they pursued after. And Jeph raised the garments higher, even unto the girding of his loins that he might flee the faster, and they fluttered in the wind behind him as he fled.

28. And the Iangkies outran him and overtook him; and saw that it was Jeph the Repudiator who had boasted himself that he was chief ruler over half the land of Unculpsalm. And they sent him to Andrew whose surname was Jon-sing, and Andrew cast him into prison.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 *The Kopurhedds seek to join themselves unto Andrew,* 3 *Although they have reviled him.* 11 *Assokald Edditah crawleth on his belly before Andrew.* 13 *Andrew will have none of them,* 15 *But giveth himself diligently to ruling the land.* 16 *Augustus the money changer.* 18 *Goeth to the land of Jonbool.* 19 *He is rebuked by other money changers.*

1. And it came to pass after the slaying of Abraham that the Kopurhedds and the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats said among themselves, Lo now had been the day of our triumph had we not been at enmity with Andrew who sitteth in the seat of Abraham.

2. For Andrew was a Dimmichrat; but so it was that when he was made governor over his province the Kopurhedds and the sect of Smalphri reviled him and spoke evil against him day by day, saying,

3. This man is like the beasts of the field, for he walloweth like a sow, and he raveneth like a wolf, and his ravings and his howlings are like the wild beast of the forests, he is faithless as a serpent, even as a cockatrice is he unto the men of his sect and his province.

4. Moreover he made garments aforetime for the Phiretahs, and caused them to turn away from the handiwork of the sons of Mizphit.

5. And when Andrew was chosen to be second in the land and to rule if need be in the stead of Abraham, then were the railings and revilings of the Kopurhedds and the sect of Smalphri against him tenfold greater than before. For they thought that thus they would commend themselves unto their masters the Phiretahs by reviling a man born among them who loved the land of Unculpsalm more than he loved the everlasting Niggah, and who had set his face against them in their rebellion.

6. And chief among them who reviled Andrew was Assokald Edittah, the scribe in Gotham, who to gain the World had lost his own soul.

7. For although he reviled Abraham and his chief counsellors day by day, and had reviled them for three years, ever since he had sold himself unto the Kopurhedds in the second year of the rule of Abraham, yet he published it unto the people of Gotham that they should pray that the life of Abraham might be preserved, lest perchance the rule might fall into the hands of this Andrew whose surname was Jon-sing, saying that he was like unto a beast, even to the unclean beast that is worshipped in the city of Swine-sin-naughty, and no fitter than a horse to rule the land of Unculpsalm.

8. For he bethought him not that Andrew might one day sit in the seat of Abraham.

9. Thus it was that the Kopurhedds were at enmity with Andrew, and that they bewailed themselves, saying, Behold now Andrew is a Dimmichrat and we also are Dimmichrats; woe unto us that we have reviled him, else we might join ourselves unto him and set ourselves against the Phiretahs (now that they are

conquered), and he would make us his officers and the government should again be in the hands of our faction, and we should be tax-gatherers, and sit at the receipt of custom.

10. And it came to pass that after a little while they did strive to join themselves unto Andrew, and they bowed themselves down unto him and said, Hail my lord chief ruler of the land of Unculpsalm that is to be. And they compromised themselves unto him.

11. But of all that compromised themselves the chiefest was Assokald Edditah who had gained his World and lost his soul; for he compromised himself daily before Andrew, and crawled on his belly in the dust before him, and said, Be gracious my lord unto the meanest of thy servants; and let the light of thy countenance shine upon thy servant, and suffer thy servant to lick the dust from thy feet, and place thy foot upon the neck of thy servant, for thou art the light of this land and the saviour of this people; and it is meet and right and pleasant that thy servant should compromise himself unto thee and crawl upon his belly in the dust before thee, and that his body should be thy footstool. Only be gracious unto thy servant and his friends; and unto thee be the power and the glory, and unto us the loaves and the fishes.

12. But when Andrew had heard this he said within himself, Do not this scribeling think that a man forgetteth on one day that which was the day before? Do I not know this man and they who bought him, and what they have been these three years when there was need of true men in the land? Now as I live, and as my soul liveth, and as I hate a rebel against the government of Unculpsalm, so more than a rebel do I hate and loathe a Kopurhedd.

13. And Andrew regarded not the words of the Kopurhedds, but passed them by as the idle wind, and kept his counsel in his own heart.

14. But nevertheless the Kopurhedds continued to bow down unto him, and the seet of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats magnified him, and the Phiretahs abased themselves before him,

and they among the Iangkies who worshipped the everlasting Niggah, and served him only, sought to join Andrew unto themselves. For they each of them said, If Andrew will join himself unto us we can rule the land of Unculpsalm in the interest of our faction.

15. But Andrew cared for none of these things, and gave himself diligently to ruling the land according to the Great Covenant. And as he ruled it the Kopurhedds and the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats, and the Phiretahs, and the worshippers of the everlasting Niggah all went about crying, Great is Andrew whose surname is Jon-sing, and we are his prophets! Hail to him chief ruler of the land of Unculpsalm that is to be hereafter!

16. And about the time when Jeph was taken captive and cast into prison, Augustus the money changer, who was one of the chiefs of the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats that set up Litulmak to be chosen chief ruler in the place of Abraham, went to the land of Jonbool;

17. And passed through it to the countries beyond wherein he was born and brought up, and whither aforetime when Phrancelin ruled the land he had been sent as an ambassador; so that the men of those countries said, Behold they send a stranger unto us: Are there not men born in the land of Unculpsalm that are fit to be sent ambassadors, but must they obtain one of our people and send him back to us to speak for them?

18. And others answered He hath bought this office of the Dimmichrats with a price. For he hath gathered together much gold and silver in his money changing, and he coveted honor; and he had such honor as may be bought.

19. Now when he came into the land of Jonbool, there met him other money changers, rich men whose servant he had been, and who had sent him into the land of Unculpsalm to write them letters from that land, with news that they might get gain thereby in their money-changing. And they also were of the circumcision.

20. And when they met him they looked upon him in silence, and Augustus saw that they were wroth with him.

21. Then one of them whose name was Nathan opened his mouth and said unto Augustus, How is it that thou hast not written the truth unto us in thy letters? For day after day these three years hast thou assured us that the Phiretahs would prevail, that the land of Unculpsalm would be divided in twain, and that Jeph the Repudiator would be ruler over one half thereof.

22. Wherefore believing thee our servant in what thou sentest unto us in thy letters, we have gone astray in our money-changing; and thou hast not only lost us much money that we had, but hast hindered us of much money that we might have gained. Tell us now wherefore thou hast done this evil against us, even against us whose servant thou wast, and who lifted thee up and sent thee over into the land of Unculpsalm? It seemeth to us that thou art not cunning to be a money-changer or that the truth is not in thee.

23. And Augustus stood before them dumb, and answered not a word. And after these things men heard of him no more.

CHAPTER IX.

1 *The Phainyuns.* 3 *Ouldairin.* 7 *Nohl, a great captain of the blood of the Iangkies.* 9 *Stayeth the Schyndees in Ouldairin.* 11 *The Pahdees conspire in the land of Unculpsalm.* 14 *Their Hid Sintur.* 18 *Their Sinnit.* 20 *The Phainyuns declare how it is that they govern Ireland.* 21 *A schism among the Phainyuns.* 27 *The three governments of Ouldairin.* 30 *The end of the Phainyuns.*

1. And about those days there arose certain men, Pahdees, calling themselves Phainyuns, who conspired together to wrest the isle of Ouldairin from the Queen of the land of Jonbool.

2. Now it was from the isle of Ouldairin that the Pahdees came into the land of Unculpsalm. And they professed great love unto that isle, insomuch that they oftentimes gathered

themselves together and poured out drink offerings in honor of Ouldairin, and put on green aprons and green apparel upon their shoulders, and put green branches in their caps, and walked about the streets carrying green banners.

3. (For Ouldairin was also called the green isle, and they that came from it into the land of Unculpsalm were called Green-auns).

4. And every man when he wished them to give their voices that he should be made a judge or an officer, must needs praise not the land of Unculpsalm and the Iangkies who framed the government and the laws thereof, but the isle of Ouldairin, and the Pahdees who from the beginning neither established government in their own land nor administered laws any where, except in the city of Gotham.

5. Yet although the Pahdees came from that land because they were poor, and many of them became rich in the land of Unculpsalm, it was never known of any man that a Pahdee returned with his riches to the isle of Ouldairin, that he professed so much love unto, neither he nor his children.

6. But although the Pahdees never had established government or administered laws in Ouldairin, they diligently sought instead thereof to have schyndees therein, first with the men who sought to establish a government for them, but if not with them then with each other.

7. And the schyndees were great schyndees, and went on without ceasing from one end of the island even unto the other until there arose one whose name was Nohl, who was a man after the heart of the Iangkies.

8. And he was of their blood and of their kind, and in very deed he was a Iangkie, and he ruled the Iangkies and the land whence the Iangkies had come. For this was before that land came under the dominion of the evil spirit Jonbool, and its people ceased to be like the Iangkies and became Jonboolish; which came to pass about four generations after the fathers of the Iangkies went out of that land.

9. And Nohl was a great captain before the Lord. And he went over to Ouldairin, and he fell upon the Pahdees who had been making schyndees with his officers and with each other, and he smote them hip and thigh, and put every man of them to the sword. And he swept that land even as a woman sweepeth a room to garnish it.

10. And after that there were no more schyndees in Howldaring, save the schyndees that every Pahdee maketh with some other Padhee, lest he should pine away and die. For if the Pahdees strove to make a great schyndee against the men of Jonbool, the king of Jonbool sent officers with a little army, and the Pahdees remembered Nohl, and the remembrance dissolved their knees and wrought confusion in their counsels.

11. But now the Pahdees in the land of Unculpsalm said one to another, Are we not in the land of Unculpsalm, where the power of Jonbool cannot touch us nor his officers follow us? and we are many and receive money; let us therefore conspire to make a great schyndee in the isle of Ouldairin.

12. And they gathered themselves together and they took a large upper room, and they placed men at the outside of the outer door, clad in raiment of green and gold, and having drawn swords in their hands.

13. For they said, How shall men know that we are conspiring secretly, unless we set a guard over ourselves?

14. And they chose a chief man to rule them, and they called him the Hid-Sinter, which being interpreted, is the top middle; for in the tongue of the Pahdees *hid* is top, and *sinter* is middle.

15. For they said, How shall men know of him what he is unless we call him the Hid-Sinter? For how can they know that he is not in the middle unless we call him the *hid*, and how can they know that he is not at the top unless we call him the *sinter*?

16. And it came to pass that after many days the Hid-Sinter sent out tax gatherers, and they went among the Pahdees and chiefly among the Bihtees throughout the city of Gotham and the other cities in the land of Unculpsalm; and they gathered

tribute of the Pahdees and the Bihdees ; and the sum thereof was great, even hundreds of thousands of pieces of silver.

17. Then the Hid-Sinter and his chief officers took unto themselves a house great and spacious in the city of Gotham, and they adorned it, and fared sumptuously therein, and poured out drink offerings night and day unto the isle of Ouldairin.

18. And they set up a government therein which they called the government of Ouldairin, and chose unto themselves certain lawgivers which they called the Sinnit.

19. And when men asked of them, How is it that this is the government of Ouldairin, seeing that Ouldairin is three thousand miles away, and is ruled by the Queen and the lawgivers of the land of Jonbool ? that the Phainyuns answered and said :

20. Is not this man the Hid-Sinter ? and are not these men the Sinnit ? and do not these other men guard the door in garments of green and gold with drawn swords that men may know that we are conspiring secretly ? And the laws that the Sinnit makes and the Hid-Sinter signs with his name, are they not declared to be the laws of the isle of Ouldairin ? and can the Queen of Jonbool prevent this or pass the men who guard the door with drawn swords and arrayed in garments of green and gold ? How therefore is it not the government of Ouldairin ?

21. Now it came to pass that when certain of the Pahdees, Phainyuns, saw that the Hid-Sinter and his chief officers lived in a great house, and fared sumptuously every day, and poured out drink offerings unto Ouldairin night and morning, and lived as if all their kinsfolk and acquaintance were dying day by day, and that there was a ouaic without end,

22. That their souls were moved with envy, and they said each within his own heart, Why should I not live in a great house and fare sumptuously and pour out drink offerings unto Ouldairin, and have a ouaic without end ?

23. But unto each other and unto the world they said, Behold the Hid-Sinter and his officers do not govern Ouldairin righteously, and they waste the substance of the people.

24. Let us therefore declare their government to be at an end, and let us set up a new government with a new Hid-Sinter and a new Sinnit, even ourselves. And they did so.

25. And they declared that the first Hid-Sinter was no longer Hid-Sinter, but that their Hid-Sinter was the real Hid-Sinter, and was not only at the top and at the middle but at the bottom and at both sides at the same time; and moreover they especially declared that tribute money should no more be paid to the first Hid-Sinter and his officers, but unto theirs.

26. But the first Hid-Sinter and his officers would not be set at naught, neither would they cease receiving tribute money; but they declared that the second Hid-Sinter and his officers themselves were naught.

27. And so it came to pass that there were three governments for the isle of Ouldairin; one in the land of Jonbool and two in the city of Gotham in the land of Unculpsalm, and that neither of these governments could do aught to hinder the other.

28. But when the Phainyuns gathered unto themselves men, Pahdees, in the island of Ouldairin, who went about there in the night time with swords and with spears and with staves,

29. The governors sent there by the Queen of Jonbool took these men and cast some of them into prison, and banished others into a far country. And the great council of the land of Jonbool made a law by which the governors of Ouldairin might take any man and cast him into prison and keep him there without trial; and they did so with many men.

30. And so the end of the Phainyuns was that they brought it to pass, that every Pahdee in the isle of Ouldairin might be cast into prison and kept there without a trial. And therefore do the Phainyuns in the land of Unculpsalm believe that Ouldairin is governed by their Hid-Sinter and their Sinnit unto this day.

CHAPTER X.

1 Certain men of Jonbool lend money unto the Phiretahs, 3 And ask it again. 4 The answer of the Phiretah ambassador. 6 The men of Jonbool bellow, 8 But ask their money of the men of Unculpsalm. 10 The ambassador of the government of Unculpsalm asketh payment for certain ships. 12 The answer of the rulers of Jonbool. 14 Zoord proposeth that judges be appointed. 17 Saying of the men of Unculpsalm.

1. And about these days certain men of the land of Jonbool, friends of the Phiretahs, to whom they had lent money, hoping to receive the same with usury,

2. (As it is written in the first book of this gospel, thus shall we be avenged, and turn also every man an honest penny,)

3. Seeing that Robbutleeh had laid down his arms, and that Jeph the Repudiator was cast into prison, went to the ambassador of the Phiretahs in the land of Jonbool, saying, Pay us that thou owest.

4. To whom the ambassador answering said, I owe you nothing. For it was not unto me that ye lent the money, but unto the ambassador of the ruler of the Phiretahs. Behold now there is no longer a ruler of the Phiretahs, neither are there Phiretahs any more in the land of Unculpsalm, and so therefore am I no longer an ambassador; for no man can be an ambassador when there is none to send.

5. Go now therefore and find your debtor, for I am not he; and when ye have found him, ye shall receive your own with usury; and so although ye be not avenged ye shall turn every man his honest penny.

6. Then these men of Jonbool gathered themselves together and looked in each other's faces in amazement and perplexity; for they said, We cannot find our debtor, for he has vanished from the face of the earth. And they began to bellow forth their grievance; for there is nothing that grieveth the men of

Jonbool so sore as not to receive their own with usury; and the noise of their bellowings was heard throughout the land and upon the sea, even the bellowing as of the bulls of Basan.

7. And after they had bellowed for a time, a certain man rose in their assembly, and said, Behold now there is no longer any ruler of the Phiretahs, neither any nation of Phiretahs to pay us our money which we lent to destroy the government of Uneulpsalm; but the rulers of Uneulpsalm have driven out the rulers of the Phiretahs, and rule the whole land of Uneulpsalm as aforetime.

8. Let therefore the government of Uneulpsalm and the people thereof which inhabit the country of the Phiretahs pay us the money that we lent that the government of Uneulpsalm might be destroyed, as it is meet and right for them to do. For whatever may be destroyed, there always remaineth some man or some thing to whom it belongeth to pay every man of Jonbool his own with usury.

9. And the saying pleased the assembly; and they all cried out Eereer and Oor-ae, which in the tongue of the Hittites and Hammerites of Gotham is Hi hi and Bulhiphurewe.

10. But when the ambassador of Andrew said to the rulers of the land of Jonbool, Behold now the ships of war which the shipmen of Jonbool builded for the Phiretahs, and which went forth from you without let or hindrance to burn the ships of our merchants upon the seas did great damage to us and to our people with whom the men of Jonbool are not at war, but to whom the rulers of Jonbool profess friendship.

11. Pay us therefore for the ships which have been burned, because ye did not let or hinder your shipmen in building ships for the Phiretahs or the Phiretahs in taking them from your havens, but winked at their doings.

12. The rulers of the land of Jonbool answered and said, Go to, we will not pay, neither is it unto us that ye are to charge your losses. Look ye yourselves after the ships of your merchants. It becometh not the rulers of the great land of Jonbool to let or hinder any man of Jonbool in turning an

honest penny whoever may suffer by reason thereof. The laws of the great land of Jonbool are as the laws of the Medes and Persians and alter not, except when it is to our profit to alter them, nor can we change them only to hinder our shipmen from building ships to destroy the governaent of Unculpsalm.

13. Then the ambassador of the land of Unculpsalm took counsel with Bilhe, whose surname was Zoord, and said unto the rulers of Jonbool:

14. Behold now we are at issue in this matter. If ye will not pay for the ships which the ships of war that were builded in your eyes and which have come out before your faces have destroyed, let there be a judge appointed to pronounce judgment between us, according unto the testimony; and let the judge be one who is held in honor in the land of Jonbool and in the land of Unenlpsalm.

15. But the rulers of the land of Jonbool answered and said, We will neither pay, nor shall there be a judge appointed between us.

16. This did they after the manner of the rulers of the land of Jonbool; and the men of Jonbool after their manner cried Ecreer and Oorae.

17. But the men of Unculpsalm said one to another, Content: we can wait and see what time will bring forth out of this matter. This example may be worth more unto us than payment.

18. And when the Phainyuns in the land of Unculpsalm arose the hearts of the merchants of Jonbool quaked and their knees knocked together; for they looked that the men of Unculpsalm should help and encourage the Phainyuns. But such was not the manner of the Iangkies, which now ruled in the land of Unculpsalm.

CHAPTER XI.

1 The end of the Dimmichrats draweth nigh. 4 The building of the scaffolds. 8 The Dimmichrats in the province of Gotham have no scaffold. 11 They take counsel of a Durrektah, 13 And steal a scaffold from the Eunyunmen. 16 The Eunyunmen are dismayed, 19 But they build another scaffold. 21 The Niggahs are set free by the Great Covenant.

1 Now after Andrew, whose surname was Jon-sing, had governed the land about six months, men began to see that the days of the sect of the Dimmichrats were numbered.

2. For about that time the rulers of many of the provinces of the land of Unculpsalm were to be chosen. And the sect of the Dimmichrats set up their men to be chosen, and the sect of the Eunyunmen set up theirs.

3. Now they who had held up the hands of Abraham and his counsellors throughout the war against the Phiretahs, without regard to their own sect or faction, called themselves Eunyunmen; and chief of these Eunyunmen was Andrew, whose surname was Jon-sing, whom the death of Abraham had made chief ruler. For he had been a chief man among the Dimmichrats for many years, and had given his voice against Abraham the first time that he was chosen; yet was he among the first and the strongest of those that held up the hands of Abraham and his counsellors against the Phiretahs.

4. Now it was the custom in the land of Unculpsalm when any man would be chosen ruler, either chief ruler over all the land or ruler over a province, for his friends and they of the sect who would have him chosen to build a scaffold, and set him up on high thereon for many days before the people.

5. And the people gave much thought to the making of these scaffolds, and the beams and the fashioning thereof had meaning in their eyes. And when a man was set up to be chosen ruler, they walked about the scaffold whereon he was lifted up, and examined it with care, and saw of what it was builded, and how it was fashioned, and chiefly whether it was a scaffold

which would seem good in the eyes of other people; so that when a man was set up to be chosen, they asked one of another, not whether he was wise and just, and a lover of the land of Unculpsalm, but, what was his scaffold.

6. And these scaffolds were preserved from the choosing of one ruler unto the choosing of another; and therefore they were held in honor. But sometimes a scaffold waxed old, and because it was decayed and weak, it broke down under him that was lifted upon it, and he fell among the ruins thereof among the people; and being laughed to scorn, he was not chosen.

7. And to prevent this calamity the old parts of the platforms and parts that no longer were acceptable in the eyes of the people, were taken out and new planks put in the places thereof, so that at last the substance of the scaffold was entirely changed, and yet was it called by the same name.

8. And it came to pass that when the time drew nigh to build the scaffolds, the chief men of the Dimmichrats in the province of Gotham, seeing that the scaffolds whereon the men of their faction had been lifted up in other provinces were looked upon askance by the people, although much of the old which seemed goodly in their eyes in the days when they looked upon it lying upon their bellies as they compromised themselves before the Phiretahs, had been taken away and parts of new fashion put in place thereof,

9. Gathered themselves together, and took counsel one with another before the Eyunymen came together in counsel, and said,

10. What shall we do for a scaffold on which our man may be lifted up and which will seem goodly in the eyes of the people now that they are standing up before the Lord like men, even as our old scaffolds seemed when we looked upon them lying on our bellies before the Phiretahs? For the people are possessed of the evil spirit Bak Bohn, and they will have none of those things. And they were at their wits' end; for they could not find wherewithal of their own to make a new scaffold that would please the people.

11. But a certain man among them, a man of craft and subtlety, who also was a Durrektah, and robbed upon the roadway which leadeth unto the city of the Bisons, as thou goest unto the land of the Kahnux by the place of the Falling Waters, and which is called Gothamsentrul, opened his lips in the assembly and said,

12. Why should we take thought and trouble about building a scaffold on which to set our man when there is one builded already?

13. And they asked him, What meanest thou? and where is this scaffold? And he answered and said, Even the scaffold of the Eunyunnmen, which is ready to our hand. Let us take it and set our man thereon, and the Dimmichrats shall say, Behold it is our men, and the Eunyunnmen shall say, Lo, is it not our scaffold? and we shall have all their voices.

14. And the saying pleased the assembly. And they did according unto the saying, and went secretly, and stole the scaffold of the Eunyunnmen and set up their men upon it.

15. And all the people marvelled at the craft and the subtlety of the Durrektah, which did his robbing upon the road called Gothamsentrul which leadeth unto the city of the Bisons.

16. Now when the Eunyunnmen saw what had been done, they were astonished, and knew not what to do. And their chief men assembled themselves together in sore perplexity, saying,

17. Woe are we; for our scaffold is not only taken from us but it is used by the Dimmichrats who set it up as their scaffold, and we cannot get it of them by suing them at the law; and if we make one like it, men will say that we have stolen the scaffold of the Dimmichrats; for they were before us in this matter. And the Eunyunnmen were at their wits' end for a scaffold, so that some of them said Let us give our voices for the Dimmichrats because they stand upon our scaffold.

18. But a certain man among them arose and said, Why are ye thus cast down, and why talk ye thus foolishly together? Let us build another scaffold of our own like unto that which the Dimmichrats have stolen from us; and let us set up our men upon

it, and it shall come to pass that when the people see that both the scaffolds are the same, then they shall do what they have not done aforetime, and they will look at the men instead of the scaffolds, and see who they are and what they have been ;

19. And it shall be that when they find one man is a Eunyunnanman, and that both stand upon the same scaffold and preach from the same pulpit, that only those will give their voices for the other who are Dimmichrats, that care more for their faction than for the government of Unculpsalm.

20. And though they still doubted and were sad at heart, the Eunyunnanmen did as this man had counselled. And it was as he had foretold. For the people said, These men prophesy in the same words and stand on scaffolds which are like one to the other ; but one of them is the friend of James who faced both ways, and of Phernandiwud, and of Horatio who is called Seemer. Let us therefore give our voices for the other who is not of the synagogue of Satan.

21. So the Eunyunnanmen were chosen in the province of Gotham as well as in the other provinces ; and the voices for the Eunyunnanmen were as the voices of a great multitude, like unto the waves of the sea for numbers.

22. Moreover about those days a new sentence, even a great decree, was added to the Great Covenant which set the Niggahs free in all the land of Unculpsalm, and in every province thereof forever.

23. And even the Phiretahs in their provinces consented unto this sentence ; for they were no longer Phiretahs

24. And the people rejoiced greatly ; and there went up a great shout from all the land that there was no more any everlasting Niggah. And men's hearts were glad ; for they were weary of the everlasting Niggah, and their souls sickened when they thought of the blood and the treasure that he had cost them, and they thought in their joy that they should hear no more of him

CHAPTER XII.

1 *Choosing of a chief ruler for Gotham.* 3 *The man set up by Phernandiwud is not chosen.* 5 *The Phyarman cease.* 8 *And Phernandiwud joineth himself unto the Phainyuns.* 11 *His oration unto them.* 15 *Jee-Ephtrane,* 17 *And his oration.* 19 *And his counsel.* 21 *The Bithees* 22 *Will not look like Aphrite and Adhowdee.*

1. And again about these days the time came when there should be a chief ruler chosen for the city of Gotham.

2. And four men were set up: but Phernandiwud did not set himself up. Yet did he set up one of the four; and the men of Tammunee which were Dimmiehrats, but which had held up the hands of Abraham, set up one also, and the Eunyunmen set up another.

3. And he that was set up by the men of Tammunee was chosen; but he that was set up by the Eunyunmen was nearly chosen; and he that Phernandiwud set up had so few voices that men laughed him to scorn.

4. Likewise also the sect of Phyarman disappeared; for the lawgivers of the province of Gotham declared that there should no longer be any Phyarman.

5. And when Phernandiwud saw all these things, that the men set up for rulers were rejected only because they were Dimmiehrats, and that the man of his naming was set at naught in the choosing of chief ruler for the city of Gotham; and that there was neither any more everlasting Niggah or any more Phyarman, he perceived that the foundations of the world were shaken and that the end of the sect of the Dimmiehrats was nigh.

6. Then he said within himself, What shall I do? And like Pshawdee when he doubted whether he should join himself unto the Pharisees or unto the Phyarman, so Phernandiwud, because there were no longer any Phyarman, doubted whether he should join himself unto the Pharisees or unto the Phainyuns.

7. But when he considered the Pharisees, and saw that they received no man among them whose walk had been found

slantindicular, he joined himself unto the Phainyuns. For he said within himself, Even although the foundations of the world be broken up, the Pahdees will govern Gotham; and if I join myself unto the Phainyuns they can at any time make me chief ruler over the city.

8. Now to be chief ruler over the city of Gotham no longer brought honor or power to any man. For the lavgivers of the province had taken away the power, because of Phernandiwud and of the Pahdees; and Phernandiwud himself had taken away the honor. But the chief ruler of Gotham made many small officers and had offerings of pursentojobs made unto him. Wherefore although the power and the honor had departed, some men sought to be chief ruler over Gotham and Phernandiwud was among them.

9. And there was an assembly of the Phainyuns at the hall of Peter the barrel-maker, and Phernandiwud went to the assembly, and standing up he said,

10. Men, brethren, and Phainyuns, the duties of the upright man are three. And the first is to keep the commandments. All this have I done from my youth up.

11. And the second is to take care of himself and his family. For is it not written that he that provideth not for his own house is worse than an infidel? Wherefore my brethren ye know that in this I am better than any infidel, and have been from the days when I was partner unto Marahvine even unto this day.

12. And the third is that a man should be ready to maintain the government of his country, and to sacrifice himself thereunto. Now I say unto you that to maintain the government of the land of Unculpsalm it is needful that we go to war with the men of Jonbool about the island of Ouldairin; and for a man to sacrifice himself to his country he ought to offer himself up willingly to be chosen chief ruler of Gotham; and this I am willing to do, my brethren. Blessed be the Phainyuns, and cursed be the men of Jonbool.

13. Then were the Pahdees pleased with the words of Phernandiwud; so that they broke out into shoutings and dancings

and shaking of staves which in the language of the Pahdees are called shall-lay-lows; and for about the space of half an hour they shouted Great is Phernandiwud, and great are the Pahdees and worthy to be rulers in Gotham, and glorious are the Phainyuns among the Pahdees, and worthy is Phernandiwud to be a leader among the Phainyuns and chief ruler of Gotham.

14. And there was also at this assembly one named Jee-Eph-trane who had sought to have a road-way of iron and to be a Durrektah in the chief city of the land of Jonbool. And he bade the scribes to his house, and made feasts for them, hoping that they would persuade the people to pay money for his iron road-way, that he might live by it and become a Durrektah, and a robber like the Durrektahs in the city of Gotham.

15. And some of the scribes went to his feast and drank his wine, but many would not go; neither would the people allow him to have his roadway of iron. Wherefore he was wroth with all the men of Jonbool, and chiefly with the lawgivers, and judges and officers thereof, and he prophesied against them by night and by day.

16 And at the assembly of the Phainyuns, Jee-Eph-trane took up his parable and said, Great is the land of Unculpsalm, and mighty and wise and good are the people of the land, and glorious is the banner of Unculpsalm; and chief among the people of Unculpsalm are the Pahdees, and chief among the Pahdees are the Phainyuns; but greatest, and mightiest, and and best and most glorious and wisest is Jee-Eph-trane.

17. Accursed be the rulers of the land of Jonbool who oppress the Pahdees in Ouldairin, and hinder them of their schyndees, and thrice accursed be the men of Jonbool who would not suffer Jee-Eph-trane to become a Durrektah and live by a roadway of iron in their chief city. For greatest, and mightiest, and wisest and best and most glorious is Jee-Eph-trane, who, because of the wickedness of the men of Jonbool, in that they would not suffer him to be a Durrektah, is the friend of the Pahdees and the apostle of the Phainyuns.

18. And Jee-Eph-trane counselled the Phainyuns saying, Buy nothing that is made by the men of Jonbool, neither ye nor your wives nor your daughters ; and when the merchants of the land of Jonbool see that the Pahdees will buy none of their merchandise neither in Ouldairin nor in Ashantee in the land of Unculpsalm,

19. They shall set the land of Ouldairin free, and shall bow themselves down before the Pahdees, and say unto them,—Let our lords buy of their servants once more raiment for themselves and for their wives and their daughters, and we shall be their bounden servants and bondsmen for ever.

20. But it came to pass that when the women of the Pahdees, even the Bihdees, heard of this counsel, they also, like the Iangkie women of Gotham who had assembled in the hall of Peter the barrel-maker the year before to pledge themselves in like manner, cried out,

21. Behold ye would make us look like unto Aphrite and like unto Adhowdee. Think ye that we are more foolish than the Iangkie women who brought to naught the devices of the Fuss women to make them look like unto Aphrite and like unto Adhowdee ? Shall we see the Iangkie women dressed in glorious apparel from the land of Jonbool, while we go in common raiment made in the land of Unculpsalm ? No ! not for all the island of Ouldairin.

22. So this counsel came to naught like that of the Fuss-women because the Bihdees, like their mistresses the Iangkie women, lived in fear by day and by night of the evil spirits, Aphrite and Adhowdee.

23. Thus was it and when the days drew nigh that the sect of the Dimnichrats should come to an end, that Phernandiwud and Jee-Eph-trane made unto themselves friends among the Phainyuns.

CHAPTER XIII.

1 The vision of St. Benjamin. 4 The mist upon the land of Unculpsalm. 6 Men with their heads looking backwards. 8 Prince John the son of Littulvan. 11 Men filled with the east wind. 14 Men with fire hidden in their bosoms. 17 Idolaters. 20 Men who seek oil out of the rock. 30 A man who walked slantindicularly. 33 Robert of Jahrji. 39 The vision of the beast. 46 The number of the beast and the meaning of the vision.

1. The vision of Benjamin the scribe, the brother of Phernandiwud, which he saw sitting in his house nigh unto Pugh-tannung where he wrote the book called Deighlinuze.

2. It was in the fourth month of the second year in which Andrew whose surname was Jon-sing was chief ruler over the land, on a day about the sixth hour of the evening after I had eaten and poured out drink offerings unto Tammunee, that I saw a vision, falling into a trance, yet having mine eyes open.

3. And I looked and behold I saw before me all the land of Unculpsalm, and all the people thereof from Ouay downeast even unto Mechsico, and from the ocean on the east even unto the ocean on the west.

4. And I saw that there was a mist and a smoke mingled together over the land, so that men walked about as it were in twilight seeing things darkly. And the mist lay thickliest from east to west along the middle of the land, so that the men of the north could not see the men of the south, and the men of the south could not see the men of the north.

5. And there were no more Phiretahs in the South; and in the North the voice of the Ouceencas was not heard in the land, and the Kopurhedd had hid himself in holes and corners; but he alone of the evil things which the war engendered still lived, and his venom and his craft had not departed from him.

6. And I looked and saw certain men whose heads grew upon their shoulders with their faces looking backwards, so that when they walked they walked one way and looked another, and they stumbled and were uncertain in their going.

7. And it was shown to me in my vision that these were men of the sect of Smalphri among the Dimmichrats which had not learned and could not see that their sect had passed away. And they went about asking, Where are the Dimmichrats? And what is now a Dimmichrat? And when they essayed to go forward they went backward; for their heads and their feet were at variance.

8. And I looked and saw one of these men sitting in sackcloth and ashes; and I saw that it was Prince John the son of Littulvan, who had been chief ruler over the land of Unculpsalm. And as he sat in the ashes with his head looking backward between his shoulders, he laughed and spoke like one whose heart is glad with wine. And he took some of the ashes in his hand and said unto them that passed by,

9. Behold this gold dust from Kalaphorni, is it not richer than the gold of Ophir? And he held up his sackcloth to the passers by, saying, See the sumptuousness of my raiment, and how I am clothed in silken apparel, even in silken apparel embroidered with gold.

10. Go now therefore unto Andrew whose surname is Jon-sing, and greet him from me, saying Hail! chief ruler of the land of Unculpsalm that is to be hereafter. Behold I, even I Prince John, clad in sumptuous raiment and sitting in the gold dust of Kalaphorni and looking forward, set thee up to be chosen chief ruler a second time. And he laughed, and the cheer of his countenance was like one who sitteth at a feast.

11. And I looked again, and I saw certain men who had filled themselves with the east wind and who were puffed up exceedingly therewith, and had become so light that as they walked they kept not upon the ground among their fellows, but as they stepped rose into the air, even into the mist that brooded upon the land.

12. And as they rose up from the earth into the air they shouted, Niggah! niggah! niggah! Niggah! niggah! niggah!

13. And I saw that the mist was made of the breath of these men as they rose up into the air and shouted.

14. And as I looked southward I saw certain other men who kept a smouldering fire in their bosoms; and they neither sought to put it out nor to fan it into a flame, but they cherished it, and breathed upon it, and as they breathed they muttered Niggah! niggah! niggah! Niggah! niggah! niggah!

15. And I saw that the smoke over the land was that which came from the fire which these men cherished in their bosoms.

16. And I saw one man bowing himself down before the image of a Pahdee; and he said, Be thou my god, and I will worship thee, only make thou thy servant a ruler in the land.

17. And I saw another man bowing himself down before the image of a Niggah; and he said, Be thou my god, and I will worship thee: only make thou thy servant a ruler in the land.

18. And the man who bowed himself down before the image of the Pahdee cursed the men of Jonbool; and the man who bowed himself down before the image of the Niggah cursed Andrew, the chief ruler, and reviled the Great Covenant. But there were some which bowed down before the image of the Niggah, not praying that they might be rulers in the land, but because he was the everlasting Niggah.

19. And I looked again, and I saw certain men seeking oil out of the rock; and I said to one of them, What meaneth this? And he said, I will show thee.

20. And there passed before mine eyes a lake that smoked and sent up fumes of fire and brimstone; and I considered and saw that it was the lake which covered the cities of the plain, even Sodom and Gomorrah, and that I was shown what had been in the beginning, because the lake yet smoked.

21. And upon the shore of the lake there walked a man searching diligently. And he who showed me this said unto the man, What seekest thou?

22. And the man answered and said Behold, the Lord hath just destroyed the cities of the plain with fire and brimstone and oil of the rock, and I was one of the nine just men in Sodom to whom there was not found a tenth. And I only have escaped, and my house and my wife and my children are consumed.

23. And now I seek here for oil of the rock that is left of the burning; for peradventure the Lord may have had a little over, that it may not be lost, but that I may take it and trade with it.

24. And the man who showed me this said, Behold he is the father of all them that trade in Gotham, and chiefly of them that have their merchandise in the oil of the rock. And the lake vanished away.

25. And as I looked, one of the multitude which sought oil out of the rock, fell upon his knees and prayed that he might strike ile; for in the Iangkie tongue this meaneth to find oil of the rock.

26. And there came to him a man in priest's garments and rebuked him, saying, Ye ought not to pray for oil, for to do thus is a wickedness and an abomination. But the man answered, and said, Go to, do ye not pray for rain? And if ye may pray for rain, which is but water, why may I not pray for ile?

27. And the man in priest's garments answered him nothing, but cried out upon him *anathema*!

28. And in all this time, I heard voices coming out of the clouds over the land, crying, Niggah! niggah! niggah! Niggah! niggah! niggah!

29. And I looked again, and I saw a man walking slantindicularly, and holding his right hand behind him with the palm thereof upward. And I saw not the face of the man, but I said within myself, His walk is as the walk of Phernandiwud.

30. And I heard the voice of the man whose walk was slantindicular; and it was a smooth voice; and it said, Give me money out of the treasury of the people, and I will share it with thee.

31. And I saw men dropping money into the right hand of the man whose walk was slantindicular. And they were of the people called Ophisoldurs, and of the noble army of counter-actors.

32. And I saw Robert of Jahrji, who dwelt among the tombs, who was one of the lawgivers of Unculpsalm before the war, and to whom Phernandiwud had compromised himself, and

crawled on his belly when he demanded the arms which were kept by Ken-Edee, chief captain of the watchmen of Gotham, from going to the Phiretahs of Jahrji.

33. And Robert, who dwelt among the tombs, approached the man whose walk was slantindicular, saying, Hail! my brother according to the order of the Dimmichrats! And the man whose walk was slantindicular passed by Robert without greeting, answering only, Vanity, vanity, all is vanity! Give me money out of the treasury of the people, and I will share it with thee.

34. And Robert turned away and met one of the people called Knuzebois, which dwell in Gotham, and which are small of stature but loud of voice, and which fear no man, neither have respect unto any man. And the Knuzebois are Pahdees, and the sons of Pahdees.

35. And Robert said unto the Knuzeboi, I trow not that ye of the North have gained much by your victory, seeing that ye treat us neither like conquerors nor like friends, and that the Niggah continueth to be the everlasting Niggah. When we who were Phiretahs are received again among the lawgivers of Unculpsalm, ye shall repent yourselves of all that ye have done these five years.

36. And the Knuzeboi answering him, said, in an unknown tongue, Ewbud-am; for this is the speech and the manner of the Knuzebois.

37. And still the voices came out of the clouds above the land crying, Niggah! niggah! niggah! Niggah! niggah! niggah!

38. And I looked again, and I saw many beasts upon the land, even great multitudes, and chiefly round about the cities thereof. And I saw the beasts afar off dimly, but I saw that the beasts were evil beasts and marvellous, and like unto no other beast that hath been neither shall be. And in my trance I strove to get nearer to the beasts, but I could not; for my striving was all within myself, and my feet took no hold upon the ground.

39. Then there appeared a man before me with a divining rod in his hand. And I said unto him, What are these beasts? And he said, I will show thee.

40. And he stretched out his rod toward Gotham. And I saw one of the beasts that were around Gotham rise up into the air, and he came toward the man with the divining rod, and he passed before mine eyes. Flying he passed; yet not with wings; but sailing slowly like unto the flight of an eagle. For he was sustained by the power of the rod.

41. And I beheld and saw that his body was as the body of a serpent behind, and before as the body of a dragon, and the stench of his abominations filled the air round about.

42. And the beast had three heads; and the head upon one side was as the head of a caterpillar, and it devoured as it went: and the head upon the other side was as the head of the unclean beast, even the head of a swine that walloweth in the mire.

43. And the head between these heads was as the head of a man; and it was lifted up on high. And the mouth thereof spake wonderful things, and uttered boastings, and lies, and prophesied smooth things. And while the head thus spake, they who listened saw not the head of the caterpillar that devoured as it went, or the head of the swine that walloweth in the mire.

44. Now the face of the head that was between the two heads and was raised on high was turned from me. And the man with the divining rod said unto me, Wilt thou see the face of the beast? for his number is written in his forehead; and this is the beast, he and his kind that thou seest in herds over the land, which afflicteth the land of Unculpsalm in this generation and shall afflict it hereafter. And I answered him, Yea.

45. Then the beast as he was passing from my sight into the mist slowly and as if with the flight of an eagle that moveth not its wings, turned his face upon me: and I looked upon his forehead, and the number of the beast was four and eleven and forty-four; and the face of the beast was as mine own, even as mine own natural face when I behold it in a glass.

46. And when I saw mine own face upon the head of the beast, and mine own eyes looked into mine eyes, the sweat of my forehead was cold and my flesh crept upon my bones. And I essayed to speak but I could not; for my tongue lay in my mouth like the tongue of one who is dead.

47. And as I strove, I heard the voices in the mist, crying, Niggah! niggah! niggah! and those in the smoke answering unto them, Niggah! niggah! niggah!

48. Then the vision passed away, and I came out of my trance. And when I considered the matter, I rejoiced in my heart, although the new gospel of peace had not prevailed, for I saw that the last state of that land was like unto the first.

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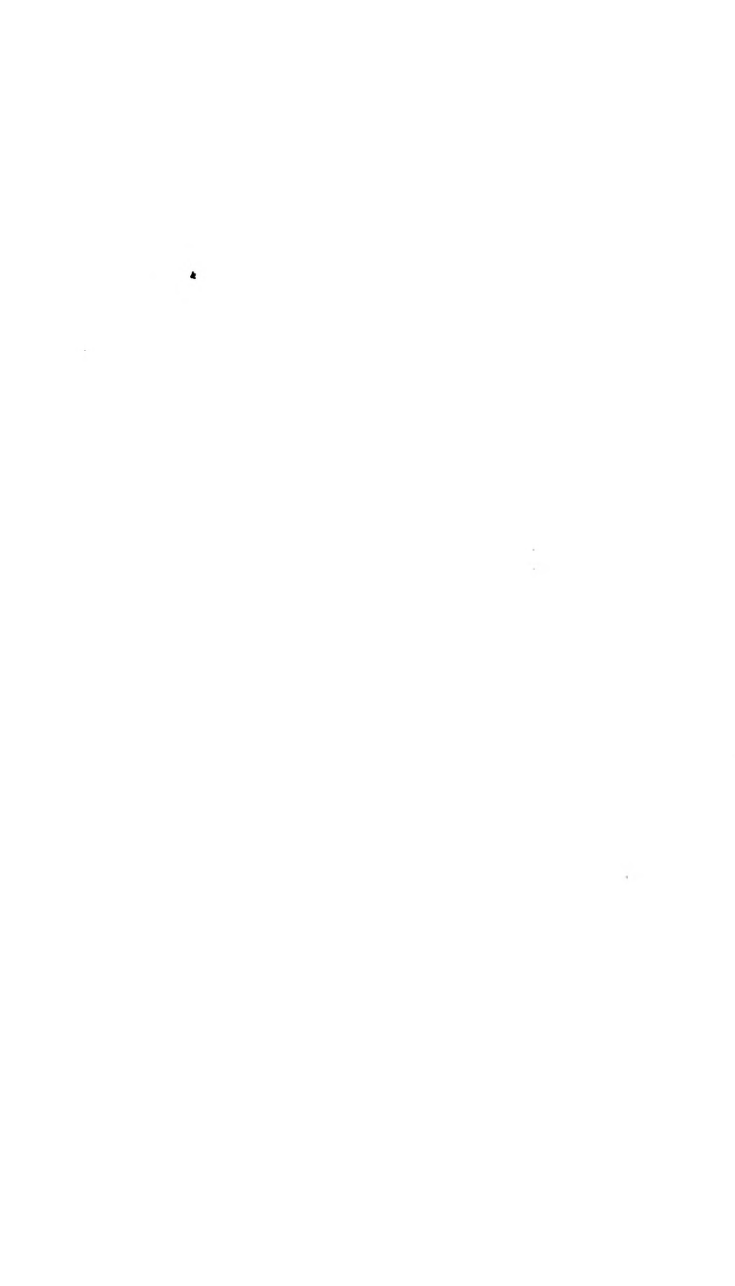
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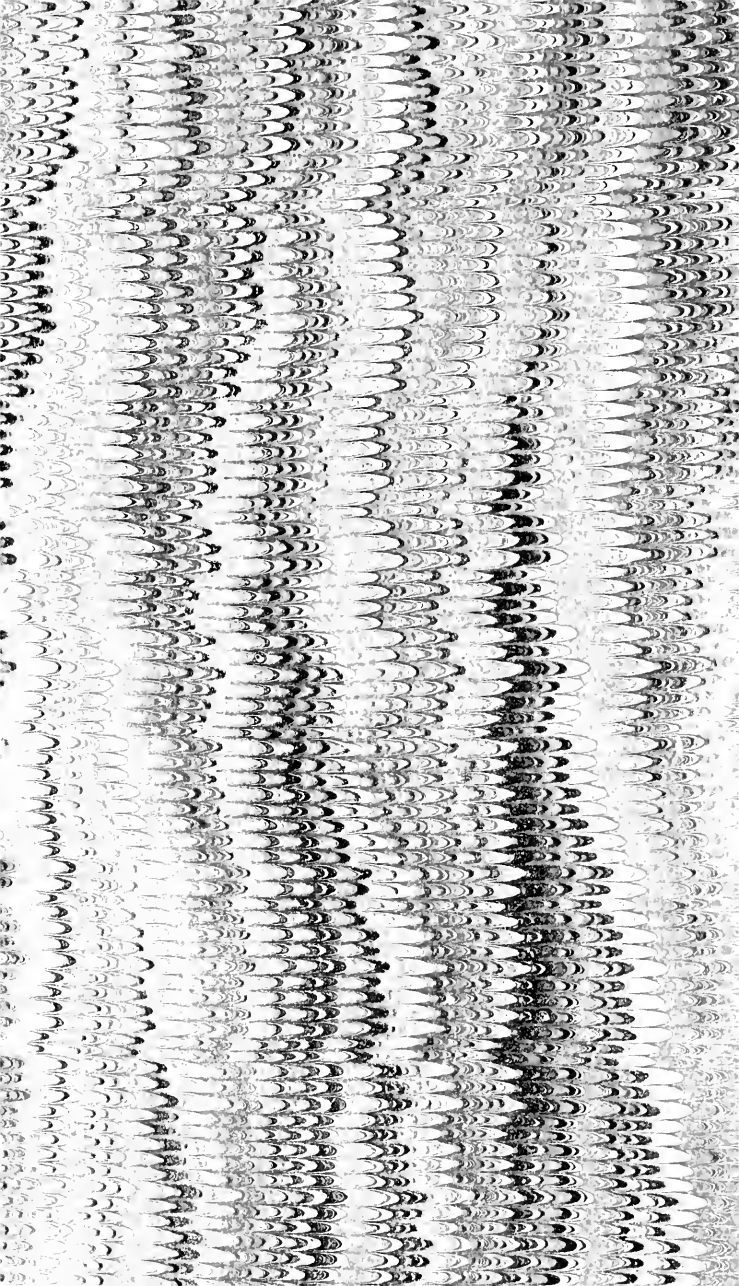
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